

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

2694

US Government & Politics

Thursday 27 JANUARY 2005

Afternoon

1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials: 8-page Answer Booklet.

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/answer booklet.
- Answer three questions.
- Answers should be written in continuous prose.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to the answer booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is shown in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- You will be awarded marks for quality of written communication including clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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Answer three questions.

| 1 | Assess the extent to which recent presidential elections have led to criticisms of the Electoral College. | [30] |
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| 2 | Examine the claim that the differences within the two major parties are greater than differences between them. | the [30] |
| 3 | Analyse the factors likely to lead to success for pressure groups in Washington. [30] | |
| 4 | Examine the reasons why most amendments proposed to the American constitution have failed to be passed. | [30] |
| 5 | Contrast the power and prestige of Senators and members of the House of Representatives. [30] | |
| 6 | Examine the claim that 'the presidency is not a powerful office'. | [30] |
| 7 | Discuss the claim that the Supreme Court has too much power for an unelected body. [30] | |
| 8 | Evaluate the process used for selecting the candidates of the two major parties for the 2004 presidential election. | [30] |

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