

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS Advanced GCE

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

2695

Political Ideas and Concepts

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

This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.

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Answer three questions.

1	Assess whether political parties are an essential element of a democracy.	[30]
2	Discuss how governments best gain and maintain their authority.	[30]
3	Discuss the changing interpretations of liberalism.	[30]
4	Contrast the rights of the citizen with the rights of the state.	[30]
5	Evaluate the main criticisms of civil disobedience.	[30]
6	Discuss which single characteristic best defines the concept of the modern state.	[30]
7	Discuss the view that legal sovereignty is meaningless without political sovereignty.	[30]
8	Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the concept of the separation of powers.	[30]

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