

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.

POLITICAL IDEAS AND CONCEPTS

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]