

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

2698

Government & Politics: US Option

Tuesday

1 FEBRUARY 2005

Morning

1 hour 30 minutes

Each candidate must be given:
Answer paper

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 **two** questions.
- Answers should be written in continuous prose.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten the sheets 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 120. Each question is worth 60 marks.
- This is a synoptic unit. You will be awarded marks for your ability to draw together the knowledge, understanding and skills which you have acquired from your study of all the modules in this course.
- You will be awarded marks for 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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In answering each question, candidates should draw upon the knowledge and understanding gained from their study of Government and Politics of both the UK and the United States. Where appropriate, candidates should also make references to other political systems, as well as to the European Union.

- 1 Examine the view that elections are not won or lost during the campaign itself, but in the years before the campaign. [60]
- 2 Discuss the roles of third or minor parties in different political systems. [60]
- 3 Discuss the extent to which constitutions limit the powers of legislatures. [60]
- 4 Examine the claim that legislatures should be free from the influence of interest groups. [60]
- 5 Critically assess the factors which bring success or failure to chief executives. [60]
- 6 Assess the factors which influence the level of public participation in modern politics. [60]
- 7 Contrast the roles of judiciaries in different political systems. [60]
- 8 Evaluate the view that rights and liberties are best defended by active citizenship, and not by institutions. [60]