

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

2699

Government & Politics: Political Ideas & Concepts Option

Tuesday **1 FEBRUARY 2005** Morning 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 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 parts of 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, you should draw upon the knowledge and understanding gained from your study of both the Government and Politics of the UK and Political Ideas and Concepts. Where appropriate, you should also make references to other political systems, as well as the European Union.

- 1 Discuss the view that 'democracy is the worst form of government'. [60]
- 2 Assess the importance of political pluralism to the operation of modern democracy. [60]
- 3 Evaluate the success of liberal democracy as a political system. [60]
- 4 Assess how effective referendums are at improving democracy. [60]
- 5 Examine what, if any, limitations are required on the exercise of individual liberty. [60]
- 6 Contrast conservative and socialist perspectives on the meaning of citizenship. [60]
- 7 Examine how far national sovereignty has been undermined by membership of multinational organisations. [60]
- 8 Assess the importance of minority views for the operation of democracy. [60]