

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

2694

US Government & Politics

Tuesday

28 JUNE 2005

Morning

1 hour 30 minutes

Each candidate must be given:
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 **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.

This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.

Answer three questions.

- 1 Discuss the factors which have influenced voting behaviour in recent American elections. [30]
- 2 Analyse the claim that America still has a two-party system. [30]
- 3 Assess whether pressure groups have too much influence on the functions of Congress. [30]
- 4 Examine the claim that the checks and balances between the president and Congress inevitably lead to gridlock. [30]
- 5 Evaluate the importance of the roles played by committees in the legislative process. [30]
- 6 Examine the claim that most presidents make little use of the cabinet. [30]
- 7 Discuss the extent to which a president can influence the Supreme Court. [30]
- 8 Examine the reasons for recent changes in the balance of power between the federal and state governments. [30]