

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

2698

Government & Politics (US Option)

Thursday

30 JUNE 2005

Afternoon

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 **two** 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 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, 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 Discuss the view that no single theory of voting behaviour can now account for how people vote in elections. [60]
- 2 Discuss the relevance of political parties to modern politics. [60]
- 3 Examine the view that, in practice, the most important features of constitutions are to be found in statutes, conventions and judicial precedent. [60]
- 4 Discuss the need for institutional reform within legislatures in different political systems. [60]
- 5 Discuss the view that effective formulation and delivery of policy requires a strong, decisive executive. [60]
- 6 Examine the view that federal and devolved systems of government enhance democracy. [60]
- 7 Discuss whether judiciaries should be involved in political issues. [60]
- 8 Contrast the ways in which citizens may seek a redress of grievances in different political systems. [60]