

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

2699

Government & Politics: Political Ideas & Concepts Option

Thursday

30 JUNE 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 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 Examine what makes a political system democratic. [60]
- 2 Assess the suitability of direct democracy to modern politics. [60]
- 3 Discuss what checks and balances need to be placed upon governments. [60]
- 4 Discuss the view that political parties damage democracy. [60]
- 5 Assess how effective codified constitutions are in upholding human rights. [60]
- 6 Examine the impact of New Right ideas upon modern conservatism. [60]
- 7 Discuss the view that in practice there is a democratic deficit at the centre of liberal democracy. [60]
- 8 Assess whether the trustee model of representation best describes the role of elected representatives. [60]