

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

2694

US Government and Politics

Friday **27 JANUARY 2006** 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 **three** questions.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answers should be written in continuous prose.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to the answer booklet.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of your answer booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **90**.
- You will be awarded marks for the 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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Answer three questions.

- 1 Evaluate the role played by the media in recent presidential elections. [30]
- 2 Analyse the reasons why Democratic and Republican candidates win virtually every presidential and congressional election. [30]
- 3 Evaluate the importance of the functions performed by pressure groups in American democracy. [30]
- 4 Assess the extent to which America still has a truly federal system of government. [30]
- 5 Analyse the importance of standing committees in the work of Congress. [30]
- 6 Evaluate the usefulness of the Executive Office of the President in helping recent presidents. [30]
- 7 Assess the importance of the Supreme Court's power of judicial review. [30]
- 8 Analyse the effectiveness of the checks on presidential power. [30]