

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced GCE**

**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**2695**

Political Ideas and Concepts

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.

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**This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.**

## POLITICAL IDEAS AND CONCEPTS

Answer three questions .

- 1 Assess the strengths and weaknesses of social contract theories on the role of the state. [30]
- 2 Discuss the view that socialism is an outdated ideology. [30]
- 3 Evaluate the justifications for dictatorship. [30]
- 4 Discuss the possible implications for democracy of a tyranny of the majority. [30]
- 5 Evaluate the legitimacy of civil disobedience in a democracy. [30]
- 6 Evaluate the different interpretations of the meaning of equality. [30]
- 7 Analyse the ways in which power can be legitimised. [30]
- 8 Assess the view that the nation state is in decline. [30]

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