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.

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2   Discuss the view that socialism is an outdated ideology.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]