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Advanced GCE

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

2694

US Government and Politics

Tuesday

27 JUNE 2006

Morning

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 strengths and weaknesses of the Electoral College. [30]
- 2 Discuss the reasons for the continued failure of third party and independent candidates. [30]
- 3 Discuss the effectiveness of the various methods used by pressure groups in American politics. [30]
- 4 Discuss the claim that the constitutional checks and balances between the President and Congress are largely ineffective. [30]
- 5 Assess the extent to which 'leadership' exists in Congress. [30]
- 6 Assess which is most helpful to the President: the Cabinet or the Executive Office of the President. [30]
- 7 Evaluate the role played by the Supreme Court in safeguarding fundamental rights and liberties. [30]
- 8 Assess whether the National Party Conventions still play an important role in American politics. [30]

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