

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced GCE**

**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**2699**

Government and Politics: Political Ideas and Concepts Option

Thursday

**29 JUNE 2006**

Afternoon

1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:  
16-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.
- 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 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 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.**

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In answering each question, you should draw upon the knowledge and understanding gained from your study of both 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 Analyse the appeal of democracy both in theory and practice. [60]
- 2 Examine the extent to which participatory democracy is still possible in modern politics. [60]
- 3 Examine what, if anything, makes Britain a liberal democracy. [60]
- 4 Discuss the importance of parliamentary accountability in modern politics. [60]
- 5 Examine the view that liberal democracy has triumphed. [60]
- 6 Discuss the extent to which differing views of human nature shape party ideologies and policies. [60]
- 7 Discuss the view that elections no longer fulfil their functions. [60]
- 8 Discuss the importance of international human rights legislation in protecting the rights of citizens. [60]