

ADVANCED GCE
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

2694

US Government and Politics

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Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the Answer Booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **three** questions.
- 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 for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part 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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Answer **three** questions.

- 1 Evaluate the importance of the 'invisible primary' in the selection of presidential candidates. [30]
- 2 Assess the extent to which the two major political parties in the United States have become more ideological. [30]
- 3 Discuss the claim that pressure groups have too much influence in Congress. [30]
- 4 Discuss the effectiveness of Congressional checks and balances on the president. [30]
- 5 Examine the claim that the Senate is usually regarded as more powerful and prestigious than the House of Representatives. [30]
- 6 Evaluate the usefulness of the president's cabinet. [30]
- 7 Discuss the process by which Supreme Court judges are nominated and confirmed. [30]
- 8 Assess the merits of the United States' federal system of government. [30]

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