

ADVANCED GCE
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
US Government and Politics
WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2008

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Morning
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials (enclosed): Answer Booklet (8 page)

Additional materials (required):
None



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 Discuss the merits of presidential primaries. [30]
- 2 Assess the importance of political parties in US politics. [30]
- 3 Examine the claim that pressure groups enhance, rather than harm, democracy in America. [30]
- 4 Discuss the reasons why the US Constitution has been so rarely amended. [30]
- 5 Evaluate the importance of congressional committees. [30]
- 6 Discuss the factors which influence presidential power. [30]
- 7 Evaluate the effectiveness of the Supreme Court in protecting the rights and liberties of Americans. [30]
- 8 Examine the claim that 'the Electoral College is undemocratic and unnecessary.' [30]

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