

ADVANCED GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

US Government and Politics

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Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

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

Additional materials (required):

None

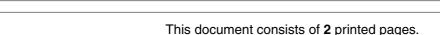


INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 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 libertic Americans.	es of [30]
8	Examine the claim that 'the Electoral College is undemocratic and unnecessary.'	[30]

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