

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**  
**A2 GCE**

**F855/01**

**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**US Government and Politics**

**MONDAY 10 JUNE 2013: Morning**

**DURATION: 2 hours**  
**plus your additional time allowance**

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**Candidates answer on the Question Paper.**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**None**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- **Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes on the first page. Please write clearly and in capital letters.**
- **Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.**
- **Answer TWO questions.**
- **Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**
- **Write your answer to each question in the space provided. Additional paper may be used if necessary but you must clearly show your candidate number, centre number and question number(s).**

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 100.
- You will be rewarded for your ability to draw together the knowledge, understanding and skills which you have acquired from your study of all parts of the course.
- Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in this paper. This means for example you should:
  - ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear;
  - organise information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- Any blank pages are indicated.

## **Answer TWO questions.**

**In answering each question, you should draw upon the knowledge and understanding gained from your study of Politics of both the UK and the United States. Where appropriate, you should make reference to other political systems, as well as the European Union.**

- 1 Discuss the view that every electoral system has significant disadvantages. [50]**
- 2 Assess the claim that ideological convergence between political parties has come to an end. [50]**
- 3 Discuss the view that the attitude of the government is the most important factor influencing the effectiveness of a pressure group. [50]**
- 4 To what extent is there too great an emphasis on the protection of individual rights and liberties in modern democracies? [50]**
- 5 ‘Unwritten constitutions place too much power in the hands of the legislature.’ Discuss. [50]**
- 6 To what extent do legislatures represent the interests of political parties rather than the interests of the public? [50]**

- 7 'The relationship with the legislature is the key factor in determining the effectiveness of a chief executive.' Discuss. [50]**
- 8 Discuss the claim that judiciaries today have assumed a greater political significance. [50]**

**Write the number of each question in the margin.**

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