

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS  
A2 GCE  
F855/01  
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS  
US Government and Politics  
THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2016: Afternoon  
DURATION: 2 hours  
plus your additional time allowance  
MODIFIED ENLARGED 24pt**

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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 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 may make reference to other political systems, as well as the European Union.**

- 1 Discuss the view that voters are increasingly volatile today. [50]**
- 2 To what extent are parties in decline while pressure groups flourish? [50]**
- 3 Discuss the factors that influence the type of party system to be found in a country. [50]**
- 4 To what extent are rights effectively protected in political systems today? [50]**
- 5 'A parliamentary system is more likely than a presidential system to lead to an elective dictatorship.' Discuss. [50]**
- 6 'Crises are the most important factor in determining the power of chief executives.' Discuss. [50]**
- 7 Discuss the view that judges are 'politicians in robes'. [50]**

**8 'Political systems do not need a second legislative chamber.'  
Discuss. [50]**















































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