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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2
The British Political Process



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MONDAY 5 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 45 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **all three** questions in Section A and then choose either to answer the **two** questions in Section B or the **two** questions in Section C.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 60 marks.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Questions **3(a)**, **3(b)**, **5** and **7**.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

Answer **all three** questions in Section A **and** then choose either to answer the **two** questions in Section B **or** the **two** questions in Section C

Section A: The UK Parliament and Executive

1 Identify **two** types of committee in the House of Commons. [4]

2 Explain **two** ways in which backbench MPs can influence legislation. [10]

Either

3 (a) “The Prime Minister now dominates cabinet and is no longer simply ‘First Among Equals’.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [26]

Or

(b) “Parliament is no longer able to effectively hold the executive to account.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [26]

Section B: The Judiciary in the UK

4 Explain what is meant by judicial independence. [5]

5 Explain the ways in which the Judiciary can hold the executive to account. [15]

Or

Section C: Pressure Groups in the UK

6 Explain **one** way in which a pressure group can try to change government policy. [5]

7 Explain the argument that pressure groups are essential to the British political process. [15]

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