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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2
The British Political Process



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TUESDAY 21 MAY, AFTERNOON

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** functions of party whips. [4]

2 Explain **two** ways in which MPs can perform their representative role. [10]

Either

3 (a) "Parliamentary scrutiny of the executive has improved in recent years." Discuss the validity of this statement. [26]

Or

(b) "All Cabinets are a coalition of different views and opinions, even when they are made up of just one party". Discuss the validity of this statement. [26]

Section B: The Judiciary in the UK

4 Explain **one** way in which the independence of the judiciary is achieved. [5]

5 Explain the view that judicial checks upon the executive are ineffective. [15]

Or

Section C: Pressure Groups in the UK

6 Explain what is meant by the term “insider group”. [5]

7 Explain the view that pressure groups threaten British democracy. [15]

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