



General Certificate of Secondary Education  
2023

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# Government and Politics

Unit 1  
Democracy in Action



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FRIDAY 2 JUNE, MORNING

## TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page and on any additional sheets. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper. Answer **all** questions in **Sections A, B** and **C**. If needed, you can ask for more sheets to finish your answers. Please attach these sheets to your booklet using the tag supplied.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is **75**. Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question. Quality of written communication will be assessed in **Sections B** and **C** (all questions).

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Question Number	Marks
<b>Section A</b>	
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### Section A

Answer **all** questions

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1 Name the unelected House of the UK Parliament.

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2 Give **one** role of laws in society.

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3 Name **one** political party in the Northern Ireland Assembly.

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4 What is the name for a Bill that has been passed?

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5 What is meant by the term 'constituency'?

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6 Give another name for the 'legislature'.

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7 What is the name for a pressure group that represents only one section of society?

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8 Give **one** feature of a dictatorship.

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9 Name **one** type of media in modern society.

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10 From the following list, choose **one** area which is **not** the responsibility of local councils:

- Bins and Recycling
- Health and Hospitals
- Parks and Cemeteries

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11 Give **one** way MPs can challenge the Government.

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12 Give **one** advantage of lowering the voting age.

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13 Read the following statements. Tick [✓] the correct box to show which policy is from the Conservative Party and which is from the Labour Party.

	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	
Scrap Universal Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Support for private education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Free bus travel for those aged under 25	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Introduce a points-based immigration system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	[4]

14 In the grid below, match the correct term to the description provided.

<b>Compulsory voting</b>	<b>Simple majority</b>	<b>Referendum</b>	<b>PR-STV</b>	<b>Voter turnout</b>
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Definition	Term
The method of election used to elect MLAs in Northern Ireland	
The percentage of the population that vote in an election	
A one-off vote on a specific issue or question	
When citizens must by law participate in elections	
The method of election used to elect MPs	

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## Section B

Answer **all** questions

Read Source A and answer the questions that follow.

### Source A:

MLAs spend a lot of their time scrutinising and amending legislation. Nearly 2000 amendments were made to bills in the Northern Ireland Assembly between 2011 and 2016. Many other amendments were not accepted because they didn't have the support of a majority of MLAs.

- 15** Using **Source A** and your own knowledge, describe some of the ways in which MLAs can influence legislation.

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16 Explain how MLAs can scrutinise the Executive.

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**Read Source B and answer the question that follows.**

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**Source B:**  
In 2020 several petitions were set up by citizens in an attempt to force the UK Parliament to have debates on key issues. The largest petition had over one million signatures and was a demand to end child food poverty. The success of this was partly due to the campaign efforts by the footballer Marcus Rashford.

**17** Using **Source B** and your own knowledge, explain some of the ways citizens can take action in a democracy.

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**Section C**

Answer **all** questions

**19** “Insider pressure groups are always the most effective.” Make a case **in support** of this statement.

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