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# Government and Politics

Unit 1

Democracy in Action



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**THURSDAY 23 MAY, AFTERNOON**

## 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.

**You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.**

**Do not write outside the boxed area on each page or on blank pages.**

Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all** questions in **Sections A, B and C.**

## 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).



## Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 What does the term 'MEP' stand for?

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2 Name **one** action an individual citizen can take to hold the powerful in society to account.

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3 Name **one** type of electoral system in the UK.

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4 Name **one** type of pressure group.

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5 What does the term 'MP' stand for?

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6 Name **one** UK political party.

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7 Name **one** person or group who makes rules for society.

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8 Name **one** opposition party in the UK parliament.

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9 Give **one** reason why rules are needed in society.

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10 What is meant by the term 'Private Members' Bill'?

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11 What is meant by the term 'devolved government'?

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12 Give **one** way an MLA can represent their constituents.

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13 Read the following statements. Tick [✓] the correct box to show if the statements are reasons **for** or **against** the use of referenda.

	For	Against	
A referendum campaign raises public awareness of political issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Most voters are not well informed or interested	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Only the government can decide if a referendum is held	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The people get to decide the outcome	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	[4]

14 Match the correct term in the list below to the description in the grid provided.

Censorship	One-party state	Free and fair elections	Range of political parties	Separation of powers
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The same party has been in power for a long time. Opposition parties are banned or crushed.	
A system of checks and balances to make sure that one branch of the state does not have too much power.	
The media is not allowed to freely report on government actions.	
People can vote for different political parties who hold alternative views.	
Voters are free from coercion and can choose who they want to vote for.	

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**Section B**

Answer **all** questions.

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

**Source A:**

One report in 2022 stated that the Northern Ireland economy had recovered to pre-pandemic levels. One reason given for this was Northern Ireland’s access to the EU single market. However, not all political parties in Northern Ireland supported the trade arrangements (NI Protocol) that had been agreed.

**15** Using **Source A** and your own knowledge, describe some of the ways the views of Northern Ireland’s main political parties differ.

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Read Source C and answer the question that follows.

**Source C:**

A free media can make a significant contribution to a democratic society. One reason why a free press is important is so that politicians can be questioned by the media on their actions, for example, the media exposed politicians breaking Covid regulations during the pandemic.

**18** Using **Source C** and your own knowledge, explain why freedom of the press is important in a democracy.

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## Section C

Answer **all** questions.

- 19 “MPs are successful at scrutinising the government.” Make a case **in support** of this statement.

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20 Evaluate the following statement: "Joining a pressure group is the best way citizens can take action in a democracy."

In your answer you should include:

- arguments **in support** of the statement; and
- arguments **against** the statement.

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