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**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (AS)  
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## **Government and Politics**

**Assessment Unit AS 2**

**The British Political Process**

**[AQ121]**

**THURSDAY 14 JUNE, MORNING**

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### **TIME**

1 hour 45 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.

Answer questions **1** to **4** and either **5(a)** or **5(b)**.

### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark for this paper is 60.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in questions **4** and **5**.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

## ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

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

- 1 Identify **two** functions of the House of Lords. [4]
  
- 2 Explain what is meant by the term “judicial independence”. [6]
  
- 3 Explain **two** strengths of Prime Minister’s Question Time. [10]
  
- 4 Explain what limits there are to the Prime Minister’s control over the Cabinet. [16]

**5 Either**

(a) “The House of Commons is just a ‘rubber stamp’ for government legislation.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

**Or**

(b) “The decline of Parliament has been reversed in recent years.” Discuss the accuracy of this statement. [24]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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