



Rewarding Learning

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (AS)
General Certificate of Education
2016

Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2
The British Political Process

MV18

[AQ121]

THURSDAY 16 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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 party whips. [4 marks]

- 2 What is meant by the term “Judicial Review”? [6 marks]

- 3 Explain **two** ways in which Departmental Select Committees can act as a check on the executive. [10 marks]

- 4 Explain the limits on the Prime Minister’s control over cabinet. [16 marks]

5 Either

- (a) “There is no reason to retain the House of Lords.”
Discuss the validity of this statement. [24 marks]

Or

- (b) “It is the government that controls legislation in the UK, not Parliament.” Discuss the validity of this statement.
[24 marks]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
