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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2
The British Political Process

[AQ121]

MONDAY 5 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** types of debate that take place in the House of Commons. [4 marks]

- 2 What is meant by the term referendum? [6 marks]

- 3 Explain **two** criticisms of the process of judicial review of executive decisions. [10 marks]

- 4 Explain how Prime Ministers are able to control their Cabinet colleagues. [16 marks]

5 Either

(a) “In holding the government to account, Parliament is no longer an effective ‘watchdog’.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24 marks]

Or

(b) “MPs are totally controlled by their party, doing exactly what their leaders dictate.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24 marks]

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