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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2

The British Political Process

[AQ121]



WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 45 minutes.

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 down the right-hand side of the page 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.

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- 1 Identify **two** functions of the Speaker in the House of Commons. [4]
- 2 Explain what is meant by the term “coalition government”. [6]
- 3 Explain **two** criticisms of Public Bill Committees in the House of Commons. [10]
- 4 Explain how the judiciary can hold the Executive to account. [16]
- 5 **Either**
- (a) “The House of Lords is now an effective second chamber.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]
- Or**
- (b) “Prime Ministerial dominance of Cabinet is far from total.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
