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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2

The British Political Process

[AQ121]



WEDNESDAY 23 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** powers of the Prime Minister. [4]
- 2 What is meant by the term “collective responsibility”? [6]
- 3 Explain **two** policy differences between the Conservative and Liberal Democratic Parties. [10]
- 4 Explain the limitations on the Prime Minister in choosing his or her cabinet. [16]
- 5 **Either**
- (a) “The judiciary still fails to provide an effective check on the Executive.”
Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]
- Or**
- (b) “MPs are no longer willing to be just ‘lobby fodder’ for their party leaders.”
Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
