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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2

The British Political Process

[AQ121]

THURSDAY 16 JUNE, 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 pages 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 House of Commons Select Committees. [4]

- 2 Explain what is meant by “legislative scrutiny”. [6]

- 3 Explain two criticisms of judicial review as a check on the executive. [10]

- 4 Explain how MPs can carry out their representative role. [16]

- 5 **Either**
 - (a) “Cabinet government is still a central feature of the British political process.”
Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

Or

 - (b) “The power of Parliament to scrutinise government is as strong as ever.”
Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

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