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# Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2  
The British Political Process



AQ121

**[AQ121]**

**TUESDAY 9 JUNE, AFTERNOON**

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**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** types of committee in the House of Commons. [4]
  
- 2 What is meant by the term “patronage”? [6]
  
- 3 Explain **two** ways that MPs can carry out their representative role. [10]
  
- 4 Explain how the judiciary can act as a check upon the executive. [16]
  
- 5 **Either**
  - (a) “Parliamentary scrutiny of the executive is stronger than ever.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

Or

  - (b) “No recent Prime Minister has been able to dominate the Cabinet in the way that Blair and Thatcher did.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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