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# Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2  
The British Political Process



AQ121

**[AQ121]**

**THURSDAY 16 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** functions of party whips. [4]
- 2 What is meant by the term “Judicial Review”? [6]
- 3 Explain **two** ways in which Departmental Select Committees can act as a check on the executive. [10]
- 4 Explain the limits on the Prime Minister’s control over cabinet. [16]
- 5 **Either**
- (a) “There is no reason to retain the House of Lords.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]
- Or**
- (b) “It is the government that controls legislation in the UK, not Parliament.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

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

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