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# Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2  
The British Political Process



SGP21

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**MONDAY 4 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 **all three** questions in Section A and then choose either to answer the **two** questions in Section B or the **two** questions in Section C.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 60 marks.  
Quality of written communication will be assessed in Questions **3(a)**, **3(b)**, **5** and **7**.  
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 part question in allocating the available examination time.

Answer **all three** questions in Section A **and** then choose either to answer the **two** questions in Section B **or** the **two** questions in Section C

### Section A: The UK Parliament and Executive

1 Identify **two** types of Peer in the House of Lords. [4]

2 Explain **two** strengths of Departmental Select Committees. [10]

**Either**

3 (a) "Parliament simply 'rubber stamps' government legislation and has ceased to have any real legislative role." Discuss the validity of this statement. [26]

**Or**

(b) "All Prime Ministers are ultimately brought down by the party they lead." Discuss the validity of this statement. [26]

### Section B: The Judiciary in the UK

- 4 Explain **one** criticism of judicial inquiries. [5]
- 5 Explain the argument that the creation of the Supreme Court has made the Judiciary a more effective check on the Executive. [15]

Or

### Section C: Pressure Groups in the UK

- 6 Explain **one** difference between a cause and a sectional pressure group. [5]
- 7 Explain the reasons why “headline-grabbing” pressure groups are often the least successful. [15]

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

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