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Thursday 4 June 2015 – Afternoon**AS GCE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS****F852/01** Contemporary Government of the UK

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

OCR supplied materials:

- Insert – F852/01/1 (inserted)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- The Insert will be found inside this document.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes above. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **both** questions from Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- You must use your own knowledge and the sources in the Insert to answer Question 1.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- You are advised to spend 65 minutes on Section A and 25 minutes on Section B.
- Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in questions 1(b) and 2–5. This means for example you should:
 - ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear;
 - organise information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- This document consists of **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Section A	
Question 1(a)	See page 3
Question 1(b)	See page 5
Question 2	See page 9
Section B	
Question 3, 4 or 5	See page 13
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SECTION A

Answer **all** the questions in this section.

Read the sources in the Insert and use them when answering Question 1.

- 1 (a)** Using the sources and your own knowledge, describe the role of backbench MPs in the House of Commons. [12]

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(b) Using the sources and your own knowledge, discuss the view that political parties in the House of Commons have too powerful a role. [28]

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2 To what extent has prime ministerial power changed since 2010?

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SECTION B

Answer **one** question from this section.

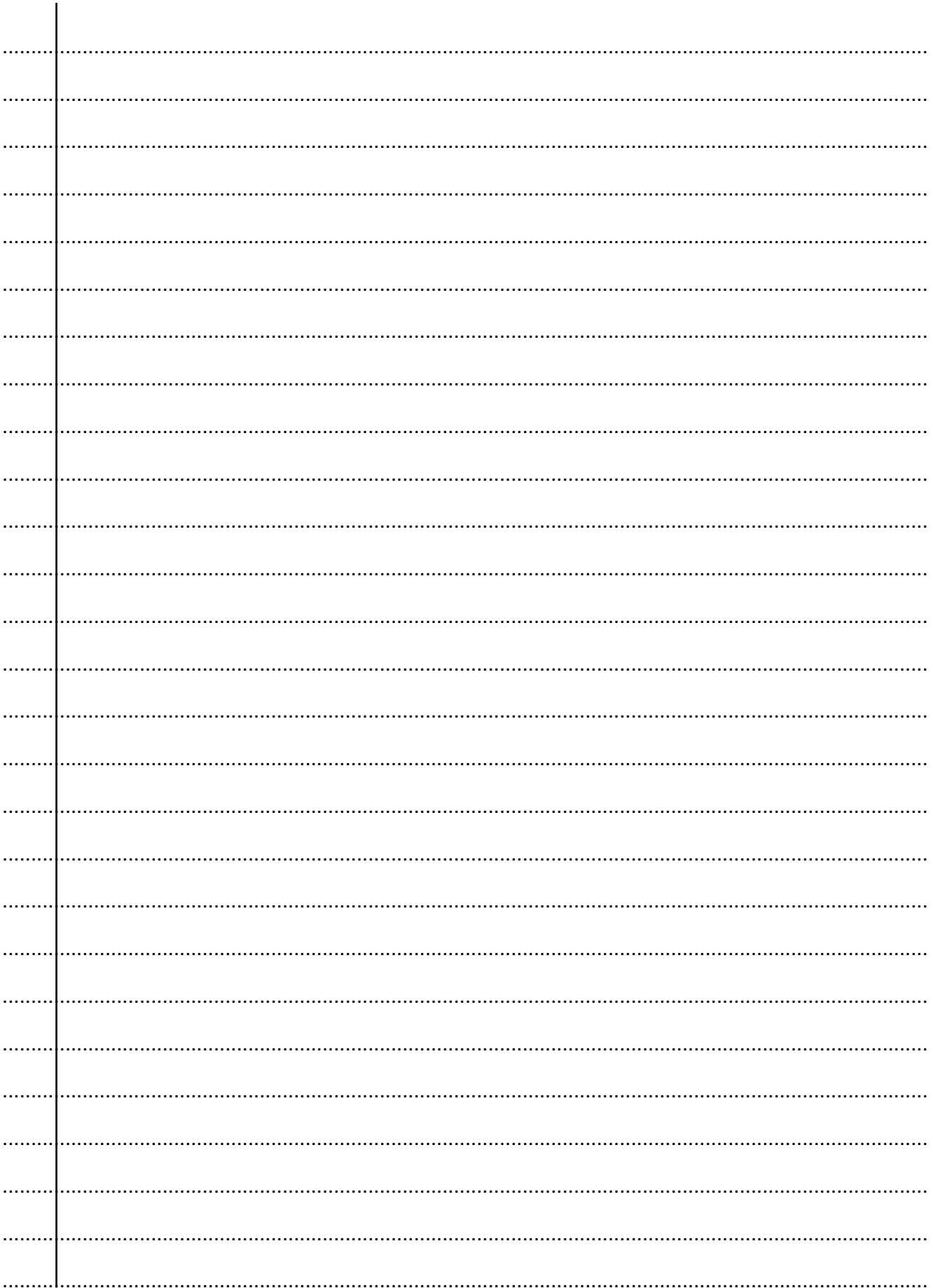
Write the number of the question answered in the margin.

- 3 To what extent do the advantages of having a flexible constitution outweigh the disadvantages? [30]
- 4 Discuss the view that the executive is the greatest threat to rights and liberties in the UK. [30]
- 5 To what extent does the EU's decision-making process impact on UK sovereignty? [30]

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