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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2
The British Political Process



SGP21

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TUESDAY 24 MAY, AFTERNOON

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** functions of the Speaker of the House of Commons. [4]

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

Either

3 (a) "Parliament's power to influence legislation has increased in recent years." Discuss the validity of this statement. [26]

Or

(b) "The power of any Prime Minister depends on the circumstances at the time." Discuss the validity of this statement. [26]

Section B: The Judiciary in the UK

- 4 Explain **one** strength of the judicial appointment process. [5]
- 5 Explain the view that the Supreme Court has succeeded in holding the executive to account for its actions. [15]

Or

Section C: Pressure Groups in the UK

- 6 Explain what is meant by the term “direct action”. Support your answer with a relevant example. [5]
- 7 Explain the view that pressure groups have made a major contribution to Britain being a democratic system. [15]

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