



General Certificate of Secondary Education
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Government and Politics

Unit 1

Democracy in Action

MV18

[GGP11]

TUESDAY 3 JUNE, MORNING

Time

1 hour 30 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

Instructions to Candidates

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Do not write on blank pages.

Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all** questions in **Sections A, B and C.**

Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is **75**.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in

Sections B and C (all questions).

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

- 1 Give **one** way citizens can participate in a democracy.
[1 mark]

- 2 Name **one** left-wing political party in the UK parliament.
[1 mark]

- 3 Give **one** cause of low voter turnout. [1 mark]

- 4 Name the elected house of the UK parliament. [1 mark]

5 What does the term '**MLA**' stand for? [1 mark]

6 Give **one** example of a country which is a democracy.
[1 mark]

7 Give **one** area of disagreement between political parties in Northern Ireland. [1 mark]

8 Give **one** area of agreement between political parties in Britain. [1 mark]

9 What is the name for a pressure group that works with the government? [1 mark]

10 Give **one** advantage of the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral system. [2 marks]

11 What is meant by the term '**scrutiny**'? [2 marks]

12 Give **one** difference between an election and a referendum. [2 marks]

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(Questions continue overleaf)

13 Match the correct term in the list below to the description in the grid provided. [4 marks]

Local Council	Northern Ireland Assembly	Houses of Parliament	European Parliament
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The 90-member body which makes laws on devolved issues.	
The law-making body which represents 27 member states.	
A body of local representatives which is responsible for issues like bins and recycling.	
The law-making body of the United Kingdom.	

14 Read the statements below. Tick (✓) the correct box to show if the arguments are **For** or **Against** greater media regulation. [5 marks]

	For	Against
The media has behaved very irresponsibly in the past.		
Regulation would protect individuals' privacy.		
Too much control of the media is bad for democracy.		
Media organisations have too much power.		
Regulation may undermine the independence of the media.		

Read Source B and answer the question that follows.

Source B:

The Single Transferable Vote (STV) is a form of Proportional Representation (PR). It is the system of voting used to elect MLAs to the Northern Ireland Assembly. In 2022, Sinn Féin won the most seats in the Assembly elections, with the Democratic Unionist Party just two seats behind them. Some say that STV is an undesirable electoral system as it can lead to instability and coalition governments.

Read Source C and answer the question that follows.

Source C:

‘Just Stop Oil’ is an environmental pressure group which has gained a lot of media attention. Their protests have included pitch invasions at several Premier League football grounds and interrupting play at Wimbledon. The group says it is committed to ending its protests as soon as the British government agrees to end its use of fossil fuels.

Use the lines below if required.

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