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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2
The British Political Process

MV18

[SGP21]

MONDAY 4 JUNE, AFTERNOON

Time

1 hour 45 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

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 at the end of each question 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 marks]

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

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 marks]

Or

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

Section B: The Judiciary in the UK

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

Or

Section C: Pressure Groups in the UK

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

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