



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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THURSDAY, 22 MAY 2025 – MORNING

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS – AS unit 2

Living and participating in a democracy

1 hour 30 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

Section A: Answer **both** Question 1 **and** Question 2.

Section B: Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

Section C: Answer **two** questions from Question 5, Question 6 **or** Question 7.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer,

for example

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

The quality of your written communication, including appropriate use of punctuation and grammar, will be assessed in your answers to Section C questions.

Section A

Answer both questions from this section.

In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding.

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Using examples, briefly describe features of political party manifestos. [6]

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Using examples, briefly outline methods used by social movements. [6]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding, and also your ability to interpret and apply political information.

Either,

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Read the extract below and answer the question that follows.

Extract A

A report on political participation in the UK

People are politically disengaged if they do not know, value or participate in the democratic process. In the UK, political disengagement takes different forms and is more frequent among certain groups than others. Young people and people from ethnic minority groups are less likely to register to vote or be elected.

Experts have different interpretations of why political engagement varies among different groups of people. Many experts highlight how people in different groups may not have the same opportunities and resources to get involved in political activities. There is also a risk that unequal engagement creates a vicious circle: people may not participate because they feel disaffected by the political system, which leads to further withdrawal. Further, the long-term unemployed were more politically disengaged than employed people.

[Adapted from "Political disengagement in the UK: Who is disengaged?", a *House of Commons Library Research Briefing*, November 2022, <https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7501/CBP-7501.pdf> – accessed 17 October 2024]

Using Extract A, as well as your own knowledge, explain the impact of non-participation on democracy. [24]

Or,

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Read the extract below and answer the question that follows.

Extract B

Reform of the Human Rights Act

The Government set up an Independent Review of the Human Rights Act (HRA).

The Committee have found that there is no compelling case for reform of the HRA and found that the legislation:

- respects parliamentary sovereignty
- does not draw the UK courts into making decisions which should be made by Parliament and Government
- provides an important mechanism which allows individuals to enforce their rights
- improves the work of the criminal justice system by instilling [inspiring] a “human rights culture”.

Evidence to us confirms that the Human Rights Act has worked well. Our message to the Government Review of the Human Rights Act is “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it!”.

[Adapted from the article “No case for reform of the Human Rights Act, says Joint Committee on Human Rights”,
March 2021,
<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/93/human-rights-joint-committee/news/149724/no-case-for-reform-of-the-human-rights-act-says-joint-committee-on-human-rights/> – accessed 17 October 2024]

Using Extract B, as well as your own knowledge, explain the impact of the Human Rights Act 1998 on the protection of human rights in the UK.

[24]

Section C

Answer two questions from this section.

In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding, and also your ability to analyse and evaluate.

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How successful have different electoral systems been in improving fairness and proportionality?

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“Pressure groups need substantial membership in order to exert influence.” Discuss.

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“Party leaders determine voting behaviour at elections.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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