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Edexcel GCE

Government and Politics
Advanced Subsidiary
Unit 1: People and Politics

Monday 5 June 2017 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

• Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
• **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
• **Answer two** questions.
• Answer the questions in the spaces provided
  – **there may be more space than you need**.

Information

• The total mark for this paper is 80.
• The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
  – **use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question**.
• You will be assessed on your ability to organise and present information, ideas, descriptions and arguments clearly and logically, taking into account your use of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Advice

• Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
• Check your answers if you have time at the end.
Answer any TWO questions.
Write your answers in the spaces provided.
It is advised that you divide your time equally between both questions.

1. (a) Outline three aspects of liberal democracy.
   (5)
(b) Identify three ways in which legitimacy is obtained in a representative democracy.
   (10)
(c) To what extent does the use of referendums weaken or improve representative democracy?
   (25)
(Total for Question 1 = 40 marks)

2. (a) Outline the differences between left wing and right wing political ideas.
   (5)
(b) Explain how political parties differ from pressure groups.
   (10)
(c) Is the current Conservative Party more influenced by One Nation principles than Thatcherism?
   (25)
(Total for Question 2 = 40 marks)

3. (a) How does the Additional Member System (AMS) operate?
   (5)
(b) Where and why have proportional electoral systems been used since 1997?
   (10)
(c) Should the ‘first past the post’ electoral system continue to be used to elect the House of Commons?
   (25)
(Total for Question 3 = 40 marks)

4. (a) Outline the differences between elitism and pluralism.
   (5)
(b) Using examples, explain three limitations on the effectiveness of pressure groups.
   (10)
(c) To what extent do pressure groups encourage both responsive government and political participation?
   (25)
(Total for Question 4 = 40 marks)
Indicate your first question choice on this page. You will be asked to indicate your second question choice on page 13.

Put a cross in the box ☑ indicating the first question that you have chosen. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☑.

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You should start the answer to part (c) on page 8
Indicate your second question choice on this page.
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