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) Using examples, outline two ways in which insider groups differ from outsider groups.

(b) Explain three ways in which pressure groups improve the democratic process.

(c) To what extent is pressure group success primarily dependent on membership?

(Total for Question 1 = 40 marks)

2 (a) Outline two ways by which political parties promote participation.

(b) Using examples, explain the difference between consensus and adversary politics.

(c) Is the current Labour Party influenced more by Old Labour than by New Labour?

(Total for Question 2 = 40 marks)

3 (a) Outline the meaning of the term ‘party system’ as used in the UK.

(b) Explain the meaning and significance of the mandate.

(c) Assess the advantages and disadvantages of three different electoral systems used in the UK.

(Total for Question 3 = 40 marks)

4 (a) State three factors that influence the timing of a general election.

(b) Explain three differences between direct and representative democracy.

(c) To what extent are compulsory voting and lowering the voting age the best ways to improve participation in the UK?

(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 \( \square \) indicating the first question that you have chosen. If you change your mind, put a line through the box \( \cancel{\square} \) and then indicate your new question with a cross \( \square \).

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