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**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (AS)
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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2

The British Political Process

[AQ121]

TUESDAY 18 JANUARY, AFTERNOON



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TIME

1 hour 45 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer questions **1** to **4** and either **5(a)** or **5(b)**.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 60.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in questions **4** and **5**.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of the page indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each question in allocating the available examination time.

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- 1 Identify **two** ways in which the House of Lords can influence legislation. [4]

- 2 What is meant by the term “cabinet reshuffle”?

- 3 Explain **two** policy areas over which the Conservative and Labour Parties differ. [10]

- 4 Explain how the Opposition can hold the government to account. [16]

- 5 **Either**
 - (a) “More than ever before, the judiciary is an effective check on the power of the government.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

Or

 - (b) “Due to government control, the House of Commons is now little more than a ‘talking shop’.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
