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**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (AS)
General Certificate of Education
2012**

Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2

The British Political Process

[AQ121]

THURSDAY 14 JUNE, MORNING



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 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 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 question in allocating the available examination time.

- 1 Identify **two** functions of the House of Lords. [4]

- 2 Explain what is meant by the term “judicial independence”. [6]

- 3 Explain **two** strengths of Prime Minister’s Question Time. [10]

- 4 Explain what limits there are to the Prime Minister’s control over the Cabinet. [16]

5 Either

(a) “The House of Commons is just a ‘rubber stamp’ for government legislation.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

Or

(b) “The decline of Parliament has been reversed in recent years.” Discuss the accuracy of this statement. [24]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
