



ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (AS)
General Certificate of Education
2014

Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2

The British Political Process

[AQ121]

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FRIDAY 13 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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** ways in which MPs can perform their representative role. [4 marks]

- 2 What is meant by the term “Private Members Bill”? [6 marks]

- 3 Explain **two** powers of the House of Lords. [10 marks]

- 4 Explain the problems that the Coalition Government has faced since 2010. [16 marks]

- 5 **Either**
 - (a) “Reform of the judiciary has made it a powerful check on the executive.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24 marks]

Or

 - (b) “Parliament has been steadily undermined by the growing power of the executive.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24 marks]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
