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<b>Government and Politics</b>	
<b>Advanced Subsidiary</b>	
<b>Unit Test 1: People and Politics</b>	
Friday 22 May 2009 – Morning <b>Time: 1 hour 20 minutes</b>	Paper Reference <b>6GP01/01</b>
<b>You do not need any other materials.</b>	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.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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**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) What is meant by pluralism? (5)
- (b) Why is it sometimes difficult to distinguish between pressure groups and political parties? (10)
- (c) To what extent have pressure groups become more important in recent years? (25)

**(Total for Question 1 = 40 marks)**

- 2** (a) Define liberal democracy. (5)
- (b) Explain the main features of the UK's democratic system. (10)
- (c) To what extent is there a 'democratic deficit' in the UK? (25)

**(Total for Question 2 = 40 marks)**

- 3** (a) What is the doctrine of the mandate? (5)
- (b) Explain the workings of **three** electoral systems used in the UK. (10)
- (c) Assess the advantages of the 'first past the post' electoral system. (25)

**(Total for Question 3 = 40 marks)**

- 4** (a) Outline **two** functions of a political party. (5)
- (b) In what ways has the Conservative Party distanced itself from Thatcherism? (10)
- (c) To what extent is the Labour Party still committed to its traditional principles? (25)

**(Total for Question 4 = 40 marks)**

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