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Edexcel GCE

Government and Politics

Advanced Subsidiary Unit 1: People and Politics

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Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Paper Reference

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You do not need any other materials.

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) How do elections promote democracy? (5)
- (b) Distinguish between majoritarian representation and proportional representation. (10)
- (c) How far does the Westminster electoral system ensure strong and stable government? (25)

(Total for Question 1 = 40 marks)

- 2** (a) Outline **two** differences between pressure groups and political parties. (5)
- (b) How and why do some pressure groups use direct action? (10)
- (c) To what extent are the largest pressure groups the most successful ones? (25)

(Total for Question 2 = 40 marks)

- 3** (a) Define **two** functions of a political party. (5)
- (b) Explain what is meant by the term Thatcherism. (10)
- (c) To what extent do the UK's major parties accept Thatcherite ideas and policies? (25)

(Total for Question 3 = 40 marks)

- 4** (a) Apart from voting in elections and referendums, describe **two** ways of participating in politics. (5)
- (b) Explain the arguments in favour of lowering the voting age. (10)
- (c) To what extent would the wider use of referendums improve democracy in the UK? (25)

(Total for Question 4 = 40 marks)

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