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Instructions

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- **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.

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It is advised that you divide your time equally between both questions.

1 (a) Outline the key features of a referendum.

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(b) Apart from referendums, explain **three** ways in which democracy in the UK could be improved.

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(c) To what extent does democracy in the UK suffer from a 'participation crisis'?

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(Total for Question 1 = 40 marks)

2 (a) Using examples, distinguish between promotional and sectional pressure groups.

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(b) How and why do pressure groups seek to influence public opinion?

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(c) Is pressure group politics in the UK better described as pluralist or as elitist?

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(Total for Question 2 = 40 marks)

3 (a) What is meant by consensus politics?

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(b) Has consensus politics become more or less evident in the UK since May 2010?

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(c) To what extent are the major UK parties internally united over ideas and policies?

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(Total for Question 3 = 40 marks)

4 (a) Distinguish between a mandate and a manifesto.

(5)

(b) Explain the workings of **three** electoral systems used in the UK.

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(c) Should the Westminster electoral system be reformed?

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(Total for Question 4 = 40 marks)

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