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Edexcel GCE

Government and Politics

Advanced Subsidiary Unit 1: People and Politics

Wednesday 16 May 2012 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Paper Reference

6GP01/01

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) Define democratic legitimacy, and outline **one** way in which it is achieved. (5)
- (b) In what circumstances are referendums held in the UK? (10)
- (c) Should referendums be more widely used in the UK? (25)

(Total for Question 1 = 40 marks)

- 2** (a) What is the link between pluralism and pressure groups? (5)
- (b) Explain why different pressure groups use different methods to achieve their aims. (10)
- (c) To what extent do pressure groups strengthen pluralist democracy? (25)

(Total for Question 2 = 40 marks)

- 3** (a) Define adversary politics, using an example. (5)
- (b) Explain the divisions that exist within the Conservative Party over ideas and policies. (10)
- (c) To what extent is the Labour Party still committed to its traditional principles? (25)

(Total for Question 3 = 40 marks)

- 4** (a) Describe **three** different elections regularly held in the UK. (5)
- (b) Explain **three** strengths of the 'first past the post' electoral system. (10)
- (c) To what extent do the different electoral systems used in the UK produce different outcomes? (25)

(Total for Question 4 = 40 marks)

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