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**F851**

**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**Contemporary Politics of the UK**

**FRIDAY 21 MAY 2010: Afternoon**

**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes**

**SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES**

**Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**8 page Answer Booklet**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- **Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.**
- **Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.**
- **Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**
- **Answer BOTH questions from Section A and ONE question from Section B.**
- **You must use your own knowledge and the source material to answer Question 1.**
- **Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of your Answer Booklet.**
- **If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to your Answer Booklet.**

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- **The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.**
- **The total number of marks for this paper is 100.**
- **You are advised to spend 65 minutes on Section A and 25 minutes on Section B.**
- **You will be awarded marks in questions 1(b) and 2–5 for the quality of written communication including legibility, clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.**

## **SECTION A**

### **SOURCES FOR QUESTION 1**

Read **ALL** the sources below and use them when answering Question 1.

#### **SOURCE A: THE NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION**

The *National Farmers' Union* is often quoted as a classic example of an insider pressure group.

According to the NFU's website, the closeness of its London office to parliament has helped foster closer links with politicians and their staff of all parties and the frequent meetings, both formal and informal, that take place between the NFU and politicians are an invaluable strength of the organisation.

The NFU claims that it has “excellent access to ministers, opposition parties’ spokesmen, backbench MPs and peers when domestic legislation is being developed or new regulations from the European Union are being enacted into UK law” and that it “provides evidence to a wide range of Select Committee inquiries and is frequently invited to take part in oral evidence sessions.” It also supplies “briefings on subjects of interest to politicians, regular updates on specific policy areas and gives MPs suggestions for questions for Ministers.”

Source: *National Farmers' Union*

## **SOURCE B: HUNTING WITH DOGS**

**After almost a hundred years of campaigning and political lobbying by *The League Against Cruel Sports, Campaigning to Protect Hunted Animals* and other animal welfare groups, hunting with dogs was banned in England and Wales in 2004.**

**During the 1990s, five private members' bills were introduced into the Commons to ban hunting with dogs, but each failed. However, following the report of a committee of inquiry in 2000, the Labour government published its own proposals for reform in 2002. Although the government's first attempt to legislate failed because of opposition in the House of Lords, the bill was reintroduced the next session, and, after clearing the Commons by 339 votes to 155, the Parliament Act was used to force it through the Lords.**

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## **SECTION A**

**Answer ALL the questions in this section.**

- 1 (a) Using the sources and your own knowledge, outline the differences between an ‘insider pressure group’ and an ‘outsider pressure group’. [12]**
  - (b) Using the sources and your own knowledge, discuss the view that being an insider group is the most important factor affecting the success of a pressure group. [28]**
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- 2 To what extent are the Labour and Conservative parties democratic organisations? [30]**

**Section A Total: [70]**

## **SECTION B**

**Answer ONE question in this section.**

- 3 Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the electoral systems used in the UK to choose members of the Westminster and European parliaments. [30]**
  
- 4 Discuss the view that the Labour party won the 2001 and 2005 general elections because of its policies. [30]**
  
- 5 Discuss the view that the mass media is the most important factor influencing the way people vote. [30]**

**Section B Total: [30]**

**Paper Total: [100]**



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