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**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
AS GCE**

F851/01

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Contemporary Politics of the UK

FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 2012: Afternoon

DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

Insert – F851/01/I (inserted)

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes on the first page. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **BOTH** questions from Section A and **ONE** question from Section B.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- You must use your own knowledge and the sources in the Insert to answer Question 1.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

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 clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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SECTION A

Answer ALL the questions in this section.

Read the sources in the Insert and use them when answering Question 1.

- 1 (a) Using the sources and your own knowledge, outline the roles played by pressure groups in the United Kingdom. [12]**

(b) Using the sources and your own knowledge, discuss the view that pressure groups are now more important than parties. [28]

SECTION B

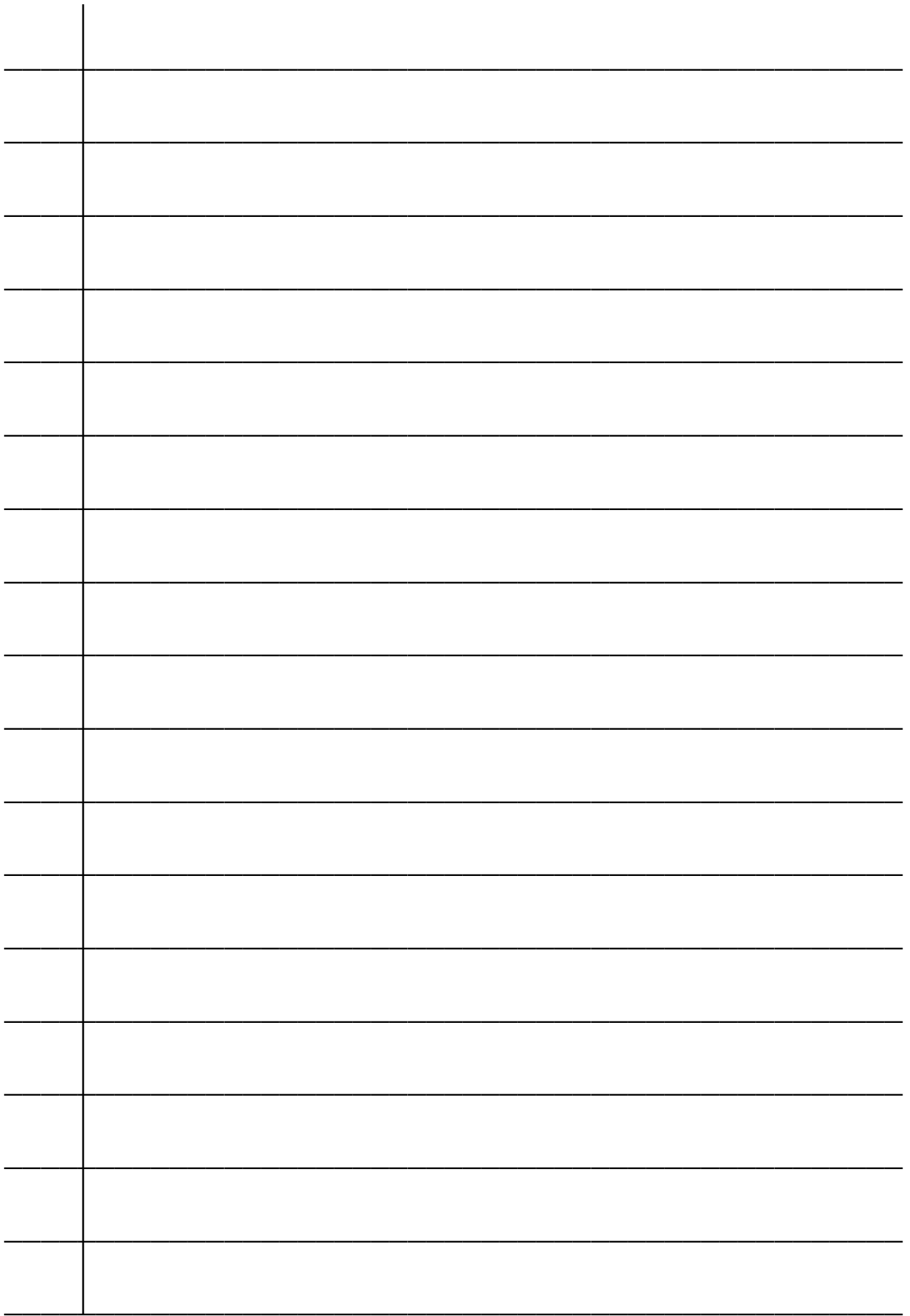
Answer ONE question in this section.

Write the number of the question answered in the margin.

- 3 Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the electoral system used to elect the regional assemblies in Scotland and Wales. [30]

- 4 Discuss the view that fixed date elections for the House of Commons are a good idea. [30]

- 5 Assess the reasons for the low turnout at elections in the United Kingdom. [30]





Section B Total: [30]

Paper Total: [100]

ADDITIONAL PAGE: If you use the following lined page to complete the answer(s) to any questions, the question number(s) must be clearly shown in the margin.

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The image shows a blank sheet of lined paper. On the left side, there is a vertical line that serves as a margin. The rest of the page is filled with horizontal ruling lines, creating 20 rows for writing. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page.

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