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SOCIAL SCIENCE: CITIZENSHIP
Unit 2 The Citizen and the Political Process

SSC2

Tuesday 14 January 2003 Afternoon Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is SSC2.
- Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

Advice

- Where appropriate you should use local and/or national and/or international examples and/or case studies.

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Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Each question carries 40 marks.

1 Read **Sources A** and **B** and answer parts (a) to (d) which follow.

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Your answers should refer to these sources as appropriate, but you should also include other relevant information.

- (a) Using the sources, identify **two** factors which might have helped Dr Taylor win the Wyre Forest seat at the General Election in 2001. *(4 marks)*
- (b) Using the sources, briefly outline how the 2001 General Election result in Wyre Forest differed from that of the 1997 General Election. *(4 marks)*
- (c) Discuss some of the advantages **and** disadvantages of candidates fighting a General Election on a single local issue. *(12 marks)*
- (d) Assess the reasons why there are few independent (non-party) Members of Parliament (MPs) in the House of Commons. *(20 marks)*

EITHER

- 2** (a) To what extent can an elected government of the United Kingdom claim to have a mandate to carry out its policies? *(10 marks)*
- (b) Examine the case for **and** against state funding of political parties. *(10 marks)*
- (c) Assess the view that those who use extra-parliamentary action are more successful in achieving their aims than those who use parliamentary action. *(20 marks)*

OR

- 3** (a) To what extent could it be argued that today there are few, if any, ideological differences between the major parties? *(10 marks)*
- (b) Explain how the powers of Members of Parliament (MPs) differ from those of councillors. *(10 marks)*
- (c) Explain **and** assess the way in which local **and/or** national government has reacted to a campaign known to you. *(20 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS