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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2

The British Political Process

[AQ121]

THURSDAY 16 JANUARY, MORNING



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TIME

1 hour 45 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer questions **1** to **4** and either **5(a)** or **5(b)**.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 60.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in questions **4** and **5**.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of the page indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each question in allocating the available examination time.

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- 1 Identify **two** functions of the Leader of the Opposition. [4]

- 2 What is meant by the term “backbench revolt”?

- 3 Explain **two** arguments in favour of judicial review. [10]

- 4 Explain the strengths of Select Committees in the House of Commons. [16]

- 5 **Either**
 - (a) “Cabinet Government remains central to the British political system.”
Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

 - Or

 - (b) “The Commons continues to have a major legislative role.”
Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
