

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced Subsidiary GCE**

**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**2596**

Politics of the UK

Tuesday

**7 JUNE 2005**

Afternoon

1 hour

Additional materials:  
8-page Answer Booklet

**TIME** 1 hour

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.
- Answers should be written in continuous prose
- You must use your own knowledge and the source material in your answers.
- If you need to use additional answer sheets, fasten these securely to the 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 will be awarded marks for the quality of your written communication including clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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**This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.**

## Politics of the UK

Read the source material and answer all the questions.

## Source A

Professor Wyn Grant has classified pressure groups into a number of different types that include insider groups, outsider groups, sectional groups and cause groups. He has argued that direct action used by outsider groups has become more important and can be at least partially successful in achieving their objectives. Pressure groups can also be one of the means by which a citizen seeks to redress a grievance.

## Source B

In 2001 a new Act of Parliament regulating party finances came into force. This imposed rules both on the amount that parties could spend and the means by which they could raise it. The intention was to achieve greater openness and a more level playing field between the parties.

Original material

- 1 Briefly explain, with an example, what is meant by:
  - (a) an insider group
  - (b) an outsider group
  - (c) a sectional group
  - (d) a cause group

[10]
- 2 Describe four ways in which a citizen can seek redress for a grievance. 

[20]
- 3 Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the current methods of funding British political parties. 

[30]
- 4 Critically examine the ways in which outsider groups can seek to influence government. 

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