

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

2596

Politics of the UK

Wednesday

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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.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- 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.
- 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.

This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.

Politics of the UK

Read the source material and answer all the questions.

Source A

Citizenship may be acquired by birthright or by legal process. It is a status that involves both obligations and rights. The legal obligations may affect a person's money or property, their freedom to do as they please and possibly their life in emergencies. The rights can be political such as the right to vote, civil such as the right to freedom of conscience or social such as the right to a pension.

Source B

The Countryside Alliance received a high level of public support during its campaign to prevent the passing of the law to ban hunting. Smaller pressure groups such as Fathers4Justice also attracted widespread media coverage for stunts such as throwing a flour bag at the PM in the House of Commons or a protester climbing to the balcony of Buckingham Palace dressed as Batman. However, political parties have found it difficult to recruit new members in large numbers or to interest the media and general public on the same scale.

Original Material

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| 1 | Briefly describe the differences between a political party and a pressure group. | [10] |
| 2 | Describe the main functions of a pressure group. | [20] |
| 3 | Discuss the rights and duties of a British citizen. | [30] |
| 4 | Assess the factors that enable a pressure group to succeed in achieving its aims. | [40] |

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