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Advanced Subsidiary GCE

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 2595

Elections, Electoral Systems and Voting Behaviour in the UK

Tuesday **6 JUNE 2006** 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.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the answer booklet.
- Answers should be written in continuous prose.
- You must use your own knowledge and the source material in your answers.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of the answer booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The maximum number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each part question.
- You will be awarded marks for quality of written communication including clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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Read Sources A–D and answer all the questions which follow.

Source A

Voter and Parliamentary Candidate Qualifications

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An extract about different constituencies having different requirements for a citizen to stand as a candidate for paliament. Also, the issue of what qualifies a candidtate to become a member of parliament

Source B

Election Results for the Welsh Assembly and the European Parliament

State of the Parties in the Welsh Assembly after the 2003 election

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Data showing the state of all the parties in the Welsh Assembly after the 2003 election

Results of the Elections to the European Parliament in 2004

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Results of the elections to the European Parliament in 2004

Source C

The Referendum on the Good Friday Peace Agreement for Northern Ireland in 1998

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A table showing the result of the referendum on the Good Friday Peace Agreement fro Northern Island in 1998

Source D

Planning and Timings for the Labour Election Campaign of 2001

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A table containing the planning and timings for the labour election capaign in 2001

Adapted from 'Britain Votes'. Ed Pippa Norris OUP Oxford 2001 p 44

1 Using Source A and your own knowledge:

(a) Describe the qualifications required for voting in UK general elections. [5]

(b) Describe the qualifications required for standing for election to the UK Parliament. [5]

2 Using Source B and your own knowledge, describe the main differences between the electoral systems used to elect members of the Welsh Assembly and members of the European Parliament. [20]

3 Using Source C and your own knowledge, make out a case for using referendums in a democracy. [30]

4 Using Source D and your own knowledge, discuss the importance of the campaign to electoral success in UK general elections. [40]

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