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ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE UNIT   **2595**

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Elections, Electoral Systems and Voting Behaviour in the UK

THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2007   Afternoon

Time: 1 hour

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)

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 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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ELECTIONS, ELECTORAL SYSTEMS AND VOTING BEHAVIOUR IN THE UK

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

Source A

The European Parliament Election of 2004. West Midlands Constituency.

Party	% vote	Seats won
Conservative	27.3	3
Labour	23.4	2
UK Independence Party	17.5	1
Liberal Democrat	13.7	1
British National Party	7.5	0
Green	5.2	0
Respect – The Unity Coalition	2.4	0
Pensioners Party	2.3	0
The Common Good	0.6	0

7 Seats available   UK Turnout   36%

Source B

General Election Results in Scotland 2005

Party	% of vote	Seats won	% of seats
Labour	39	40	68
Conservative	16	1	2
Lib Dem	23	11	19
SNP	18	6	10

UK General Election Results 2005

Party	% of vote	Seats won	% of seats
Labour	35	356	55
Conservative	32	198	31
Lib Dem	22	62	9

Source C

The Funding of Election Campaigns

Three-quarters of the…..

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……by the Electoral Commission.

Guardian, The (London, England)
May 10, 2005
Author: DAVID HENCKE, WESTMINSTER CORRESPONDENT

Source D

Data on voting behaviour from the 1992 and 2005 General Elections

All figures in %

Factors		Labour		Conservative	
		1992	2005	1992	2005
Social Class	AB	23	28	53	37
	C1	28	32	48	36
	C2	39	33	40	40
	DE	52	48	29	25
Age	18-44	36	46	34	26
	45+	34	39	48	38
Ethnic		81	58	10	14
Gender	Men	36	34	38	34
	Women	34	38	44	32

1 Using **Source A** and your own knowledge, describe the main features of the system used for the election of members of the European Parliament. [10]

2 Using **Source B** and your own knowledge, explain what are felt to be the weaknesses of the electoral system used for UK General Elections. [20]

3 Using **Source C** and your own knowledge, make out a case **for** reforming the way in which general election campaigns are funded. [30]

4 Using **Source D** and your own knowledge, discuss the view that there have been few changes in voting behaviour in recent UK general elections. [40]