

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE UNIT
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

2595

Elections, Electoral Systems and Voting Behaviour in the UK

TUESDAY 5 JUNE 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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Read Sources A-D and answer all the questions which follow.

Source A

The Welsh Assembly Election Results of 2003

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Details:

A table showing the Welsh Assembly Election Results of 2003

Source B

Electoral Turnout in General Elections

Suggested reasons for the decline in voter turnout in recent general elections.

- Increasing party dealignment
- Impact of polls
- Negative portrayal of politics and politicians by media
- Lack of perceived differences between the two major parties

Source C

Referendums in the UK

Some reasons often put.....

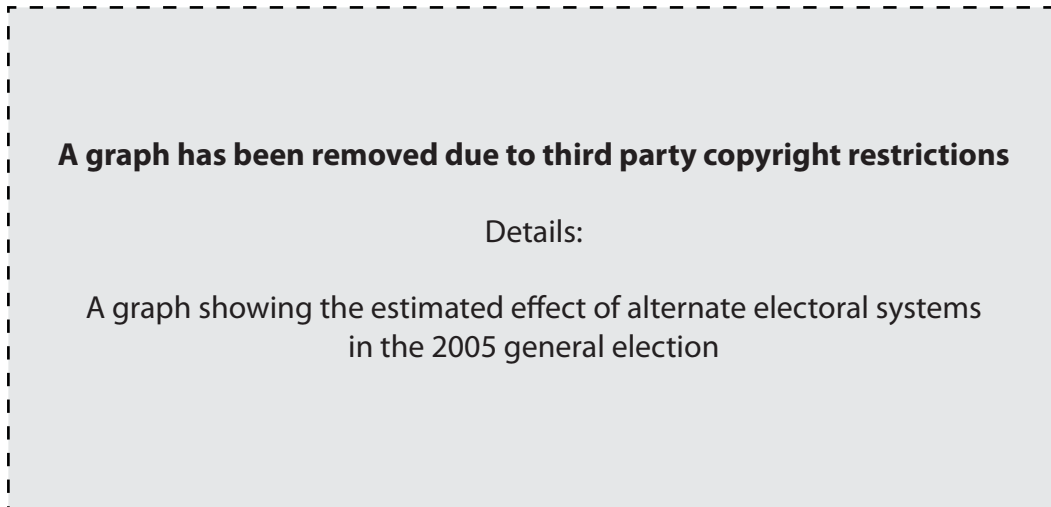
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An extract about the government choosing to use referendums in the UK

.....that is an illusion.

Source D

The Estimated Effect of Alternative Electoral Systems in the 2005 General Election



- 1 Using Source A and your own knowledge, describe the main features of the system used for electing members of the Welsh Assembly. [10]
- 2 Using Source B and your own knowledge, explain the main reasons for the low turnout in recent general elections. [20]
- 3 Using Source C and your own knowledge, make a case against the use of referendums in a democracy. [30]
- 4 Using Source D and your own knowledge, make a case for electoral reform for UK general elections. [40]

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