

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE  
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

Politics of the UK

**THURSDAY 10 JANUARY 2008**

**2596**

Afternoon  
Time: 1 hour

**Additional materials:** Answer Booklet (8 pages)



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in capital letters, Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the Answer Booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Answers should be written in continuous prose.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to the Answer Booklet.
- You must use your own knowledge and the source material in your answers.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks for each question 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 written communication including clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

This document consists of **2** printed pages.

**POLITICS OF THE UK**

Read the source material and answer **all** the questions.

**Source A**

New Labour set out to re-balance the civil rights and duties that underpin a civilised society. Civil rights are those that a citizen can expect as a member of a state and include property rights, freedom of assembly and rights to privacy. As part of the change, New Labour has also sought to improve democratic participation, to increase awareness of citizens' rights and to modernise the political system in ways that extend such rights for citizens.

**Source B**

After the 2005 general election, each of the three main political parties was challenged by questions of party leadership, debates about future policy directions, their ability to engage with voters and the extent to which they genuinely represent the community. More recently, parties have continued to face difficulties, notably over declining membership figures and the way in which they raise their funds.

Original material

- 1        (i) Outline **two** civil rights possessed by UK citizens other than those mentioned in Source A;  
          (ii) Briefly describe **one** limit to each of these rights. [10]
  
- 2        Describe the sources of funds for the UK's major political parties. [20]
  
- 3        Assess the attempts by government to extend citizens' rights since 1997. [30]
  
- 4        Discuss the view that UK political parties are failing to fulfil their functions. [40]

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