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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**SOCIAL SCIENCE: CITIZENSHIP**  
**Unit 2 The Citizen and the Political Process**

**SSC2**

Monday 4 June 2007 9.00 am to 10.00 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is SSC2.
- Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for part questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

**Advice**

- You are advised to read through the examination paper before you attempt the questions.
- Where appropriate, you should use local and/or national and/or international examples and/or case studies.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Each question carries 30 marks.

1 Read the extract below and answer parts (a) to (c) which follow.

<b>Personal characteristics of councillors in England and Wales</b> (All figures are given in percentages)					
Characteristic	Adult population	All councillors	Cons	Lab	Lib Dems
Male	49	73	74	74	66
Female	51	27	26	26	34
Ethnic minority	6	3.1	0.9	5.5	1.1
Managerial	17	33	53	23	30
Professional (technical)	27	28	26	28	32
Teacher/lecturer/academic	4	12	4	16	15
Admin/clerical/secretarial/sales	22	13	11	14	14
Manual/craft	30	14	7	19	9
<b>KEY</b> Cons – Conservative Party Lab – Labour Party Lib Dems – Liberal Democrats					

Source: adapted from D WILSON and C GAME, *Local Government in the UK*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2002

Your answers should refer to the extract as appropriate, but you should also include other relevant information.

- (a) Identify from the extract how the employment backgrounds of Conservative and Labour councillors differ. (4 marks)
- (b) Examine the claim that the social background of councillors makes them unrepresentative of the electorate. (10 marks)
- (c) ‘It is important for democracy and accountability that we retain elected local government.’ Assess this claim. (16 marks)

**EITHER**

- 2 (a) Briefly explain why citizens should be concerned about voter apathy. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Using examples, assess the view that direct action campaigning is usually counter-productive to the cause it seeks to promote. *(20 marks)*

**OR**

- 3 (a) Briefly explain **either** how 'New Labour' differs from Socialism, **or** how 'the New Right' differs from traditional Conservatism. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Assess the different influences of television **and** newspapers in forming political attitudes. *(20 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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