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THURSDAY, 6 JUNE
1.00 PM – 2.00 PM

POLITICS
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Paper 1

Answer **both** questions.



Study the Sources below and answer the questions which follows.

Source A: Alternative Vote (AV) Referendum Results by Region, May 2011

	Votes		Vote share		turnout
	yes	no	% yes	% no	
England	4,824,357	10,774,735	30.9%	69.1%	40.7%
North East	212,951	546,138	28.1%	71.9%	38.6%
West Midlands	461,847	1,157,772	28.5%	71.5%	39.6%
East Midlands	408,877	1,013,864	28.7%	71.3%	42.5%
Eastern	530,140	1,298,004	29.0%	71.0%	42.9%
South East	823,793	1,951,793	29.7%	70.3%	44.1%
North West	613,249	1,416,201	30.2%	69.8%	38.7%
Yorkshire and the Humber	474,532	1,042,178	31.3%	68.7%	39.5%
South West	564,541	1,225,305	31.5%	68.5%	44.4%
London	734,427	1,123,480	39.5%	60.5%	35.3%
Scotland	713,813	1,249,375	36.4%	63.6%	50.4%
Wales	325,349	616,307	34.6%	65.4%	41.5%
Northern Ireland	289,088	372,706	43.7%	56.3%	55.2%
UK total	6,152,607	13,013,123	32.1%	67.9%	42.0%

Question 1

Use only the information in Source A.

“In 2011 right across the country voters turned out in great numbers and decisively rejected the plan to introduce the AV electoral system. Voters in Scotland were, however, the least hostile to the plans.”

To what extent does the evidence in **Source A** support this viewpoint?

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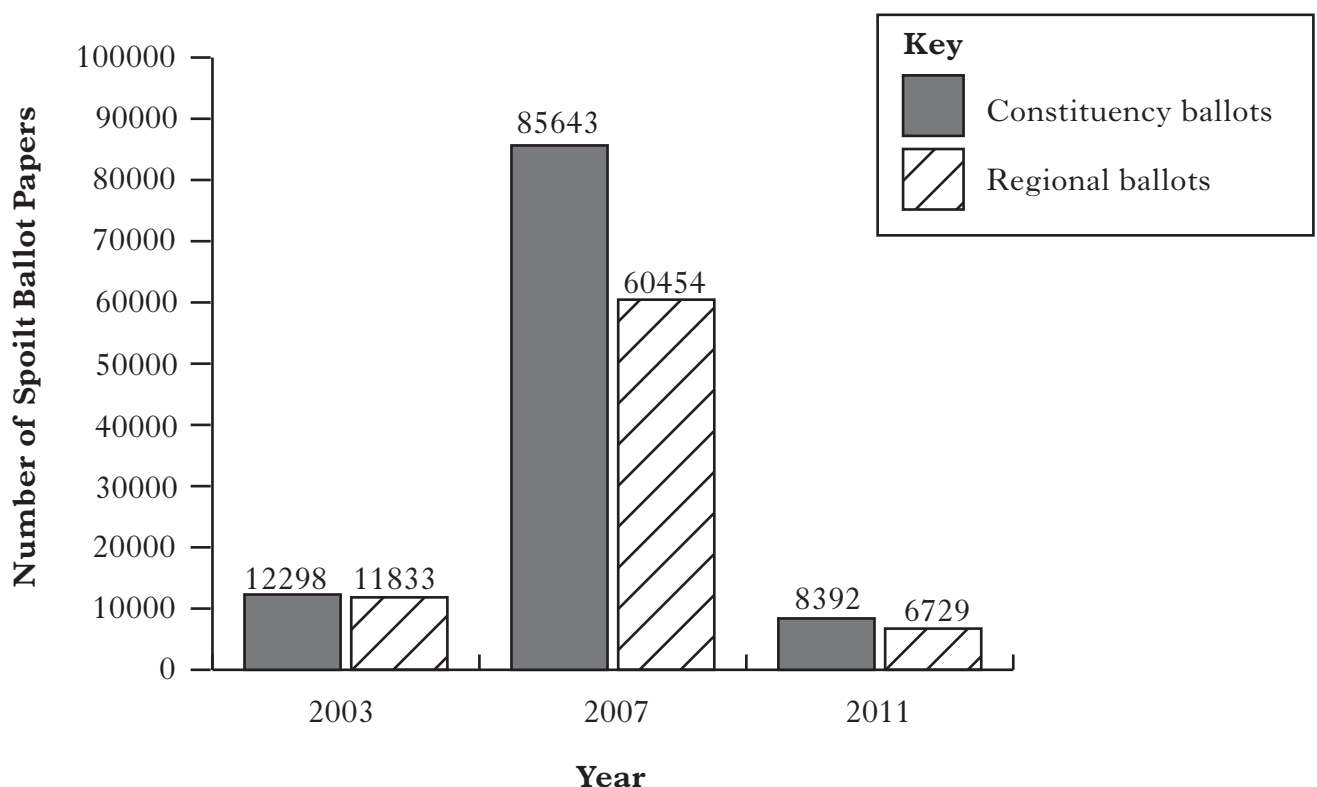
Source B: Seats and votes by party (Scottish Parliament Elections 2007–2011)

	Total seats		% Seats		% Votes (constituency + regional)		Difference between % seats and % votes	
	2007	2011	2007	2011	2007	2011	2007	2011
SNP	47	69	36.4	53.5	33.2	44.7	+3.2	+8.8
Labour	46	37	35.7	28.7	31.8	29.0	+3.9	-0.3
Conservative	17	15	13.2	11.6	15.8	13.1	-2.6	-1.5
Lib Dems	16	5	12.4	3.9	14.3	6.6	-1.9	-2.7
Green	2	2	1.6	1.6	2.2	2.2	-0.6	-0.6

Source C: MSPs by Region (2011)

Region	SNP	Lab	Con	Lib Dem	Green	Others	Total
Central Scotland	9	6	1	0	0	0	16
Glasgow	7	7	1	0	1	0	16
Highlands and Islands	9	2	2	2	0	0	15
Lothian	8	4	2	0	1	1	16
Mid-Scotland and Fife	9	4	2	1	0	0	16
North-East Scotland	11	3	2	1	0	0	17
South Scotland	8	4	3	1	0	0	16
West Scotland	8	7	2	0	0	0	17
Total	69	37	15	5	2	1	129

Source D: Spoilt Ballot Papers 2003–2011



	2003	2007	2011
Male MSPs	78	86	84
Female MSPs	51	43	45
Ethnic Minority MSPs	0	1	2
Candidates	1012	1044	934

Source F: Voter Turnout by Region

Turnout (Based on the Constituency Vote), 2003–2011			
Region	2003	2007	2011
Central Scotland	48.5%	50.5%	48.0%
Glasgow	41.5%	41.6%	40.7%
Highlands and Islands	52.3%	54.7%	53.4%
Lothian	50.5%	54.1%	54.8%
Mid-Scotland and Fife	49.7%	52.8%	52.0%
North-East Scotland	48.3%	50.7%	48.8%
South Scotland	52.3%	53.6%	53.0%
West Scotland	53.3%	56.5%	53.1%
Total	49.4%	51.7%	50.4%

Question 2

Use only the information in Sources B, C, D, E and F.

Election night 2011 was a fantastic night for the SNP, they defeated the Labour Party convincingly in every single part of Scotland. Clearly Labour were undoubtedly the night's biggest losers. It was also a great night for democracy marked by greater participation in the political process and fairer representation for all.

To what extent does the evidence contained in **Sources B, C, D, E** and **F** support this viewpoint?

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POLITICS
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Paper 2

Candidates should answer **THREE** questions.

ONE from Section A—Political Theory

ONE from Section B—Political Structures

ONE from Section C—Political Representation

Each question carries 20 marks.



Section A—Political Theory

Marks

Answer ONE question from this section.

- A1.** “The key feature of the state is sovereignty – its absolute and unrestricted power.”
Discuss, using the works of Hobbes, Marx and Lenin to illustrate your answer. **(20)**
- A2.** “Authority, Power and Legitimacy are closely linked.”
Critically examine this statement, using the works of Lukes and Weber to illustrate your answer. **(20)**
- A3.** Compare and contrast the key features of Edmund Burke’s Conservatism with the key features of Karl Marx’s Socialism. **(20)**

Section B—Political Structures

Marks

Answer ONE question from this section.

- B4.** Compare and contrast the powers of the UK Prime Minister with those of **either** the President of the USA **or** Scotland’s First Minister. (20)
- B5.** Compare and contrast the role of the judiciary in the UK with that of **either** Scotland **or** the USA. (20)
- B6.** The main function of political assemblies is to scrutinise the actions of the government. Compare and contrast the way that the UK Parliament fulfils this function with that of **either** the US Congress **or** Scottish Parliament. (20)

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Section C—Political Representation

Marks

Answer ONE question from this section.

- C7.** “The Rational Choice model is now the dominant theory of voting behaviour in the UK.”
Discuss. (20)
- C8.** “The 2010 UK General Election result has weakened the arguments of those who support the First Past the Post system.”
Discuss. (20)
- C9.** Compare and contrast the functions of UK political parties with that of pressure groups. (20)

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