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## Government and Politics

### Assessment Unit AS 3

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#### Module 3: Political Behaviour

[ASQ31]



MONDAY 28 JANUARY, AFTERNOON

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#### TIME

1 hour.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer any **one** question.

#### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 35.  
Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.  
Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

#### ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

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Candidates must refer to at least **two** political systems in answering these questions.

- 1 (a) What is meant by the term political culture? Support your answer with relevant examples.  
(b) Assess the view that education is the most powerful agent of political socialisation. [17]
  
- 2 (a) What are the main arguments against the Simple Majority (First Past the Post) system of election? Support your answer with relevant examples. [18]  
(b) Assess the view that referenda do little to make a political system more democratic. [17]
  
- 3 (a) What are the main reasons why some people do not vote? Support your answer with relevant examples. [18]  
(b) Assess the view that the media has little impact upon how people vote. [17]
  
- 4 (a) What are the main reasons why some pressure groups tend to last much longer than others? Support your answer with relevant examples. [18]  
(b) Assess the view that pressure groups help make a political system more democratic. [17]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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