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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2

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Module 2: The British Political Process

[AQ121]



THURSDAY 28 MAY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 45 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer questions **1** to **4** and either **5(a)** or **5(b)**.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 60.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in questions **4** and **5**.

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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- 1 Identify **two** powers of a departmental Select Committee. [4]

- 2 What is meant by the term “backbench rebellion”?

- 3 Explain **two** criticisms of collective responsibility. [10]

- 4 Explain how judicial review can limit the power of the Executive. [16]

- 5 **Either**
 - (a) “The House of Lords is under the control of the government.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

Or

 - (b) “The Prime Minister’s control over the cabinet is now complete.” Assess the accuracy of this statement. [24]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
