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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 3

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Module 3: Political Behaviour

[ASQ31]

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE, MORNING



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 are the methods by which states influence the political culture? Support your answer with relevant examples.
- (b) Assess the view that family is the most important agent of political socialization. [17]
- 2 (a) What are the arguments in favour of the Simple Majority (First Past the Post) electoral system? Support your answer with relevant examples. [18]
- (b) Assess the view that referenda are harmful to democracy. [17]
- 3 (a) What reasons would voters have for changing how they have traditionally voted? Support your answer with relevant examples. [18]
- (b) Assess the view that elections are now won or lost on TV. [17]
- 4 (a) What are the reasons why some pressure groups remain outsiders? Support your answer with relevant examples. [18]
- (b) Assess the view that pressure groups are an essential ingredient of all democratic systems. [17]

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