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**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (AS)  
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**Government and Politics**

**Assessment Unit AS 2**

**The British Political Process**

**[AQ121]**

**TUESDAY 19 JANUARY, AFTERNOON**

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AQ121

**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** functions of party whips. [4]
  
- 2 What is meant by the term “Private Member’s Bill”?
  
- 3 Explain **two** criticisms of the effectiveness of Parliamentary Questions in the House of Commons. [10]
  
- 4 Explain how the Prime Minister can control the Cabinet. [16]
  
- 5 **Either**
  - (a) “The judiciary remains an important check upon the power of the government.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

Or

  - (b) “No government can afford to ignore the House of Commons.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]

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