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Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2

The British Political Process

[AQ121]

THURSDAY 3 JUNE, MORNING



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 question in allocating the available examination time.

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- 1 Identify **two** ways in which a backbench MP can influence legislation. [4]
- 2 What is meant by the term “judicial review”?
- 3 Explain **two** strengths of the House of Lords. [10]
- 4 Explain how Departmental Select Committees act as a check upon the government. [16]
- 5 **Either**
- (a) “The British Prime Minister now has presidential powers.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24]
- Or
- (b) “Parliament retains the power to both amend and defeat government legislation.” Discuss the accuracy of this statement. [24]

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