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ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (AS)
General Certificate of Education
2015

Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 2
The British Political Process

MV18

[AQ121]

TUESDAY 9 JUNE, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 45 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

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 at the end of each question 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** types of committee in the House of Commons. [4 marks]

- 2 What is meant by the term “patronage”? [6 marks]

- 3 Explain **two** ways that MPs can carry out their representative role. [10 marks]

- 4 Explain how the judiciary can act as a check upon the executive. [16 marks]

- 5 **Either**
 - (a) “Parliamentary scrutiny of the executive is stronger than ever.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24 marks]

Or

 - (b) “No recent Prime Minister has been able to dominate the Cabinet in the way that Blair and Thatcher did.” Discuss the validity of this statement. [24 marks]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
