



**GCE AS/A LEVEL**

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**THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2024 – MORNING**

**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS – AS unit 2**  
**Living and participating in a democracy**

1 hour 30 minutes

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

**Section A:** Answer **both** Question 1 **and** Question 2.

**Section B:** Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

**Section C:** Answer **two** questions from Question 5, Question 6 **or** Question 7.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer,

for example 

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

The quality of your written communication, including appropriate use of punctuation and grammar, will be assessed in your answers to Section C questions.

### Section A

In Section A, you must answer **both** questions.

In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding.

**0 1** Using examples, outline **three** methods used by pressure groups to exert influence. [6]

**0 2** Using examples, briefly describe limits to the freedom of expression. [6]

### Section B

In Section B, you must answer **one** question.

In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding, and also your ability to interpret and apply political information.

**Either,**

**0 3** Read the extract below and answer the question that follows.

Extract A

Year	Issue	Why held?	“Yes” vote [%]	“No” vote [%]	Turnout [%]
1997	Scottish devolution	Change of system of government	74.3	25.7	60.2
1997	Welsh devolution	Change of system of government	50.3	49.7	50.1
1998	Belfast Agreement	Support across a divided community	71.7	28.9	81.0
2004	Devolved powers to Northeast England	Change of system of government	22.1	77.9	47.1
2011	UK voting system	Electoral reform	32.1	67.9	42.2
2014	Scottish independence	Constitutional change	44.7	55.3	84.6
2016	UK EU membership	Constitutional change	48.1	51.9	72.2

[Extract adapted from ‘Referendums: Briefing Paper, Number 7692, 31 August 2016’, p. 8-9, Johnstone, Neil. <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-7692/> accessed August 2023)

Using Extract A as well as your own knowledge, explain how referendums impact participation in a democracy. [24]

Or,

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Read the extract below and answer the question that follows.

Extract B

		Which party did you vote for? (%)					
		Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Scottish National Party	UK Independence Party	Green
Newspaper read most often	Daily Telegraph	79	12	6	0	1	1
	Daily Mail	74	17	3	1	3	1
	Sun	59	30	3	3	3	1
	Financial Times	40	39	14	1	2	3
	Daily Star	38	49	6	3	3	1
	Mirror	19	68	3	6	2	1
	Guardian	8	73	12	3	0	3

[Extract adapted from 'How Britain voted at the 2017 general election', Curtis, Christopher.  
<https://yougov.co.uk/topics/politics/articles-reports/2017/06/13/how-britain-voted-2017-general-election>  
 accessed February 2023]

Using Extract B as well as your own knowledge, explain the influence of the media on voting behaviour. [24]

**Section C**

In Section C, you must answer **two** questions.

In your answer credit will be given for accurate knowledge and understanding, and also your ability to analyse and evaluate.

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 'The judiciary provide the best protection of human rights in the UK.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? [22]

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 'As an electoral system First Past the Post is outdated and should be replaced.' How far do you agree with this statement? [22]

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 'The ideologies of smaller political parties have a significant impact on politics in Wales and the UK.' Discuss. [22]

**END OF PAPER**