

Government and Politics
Advanced Subsidiary
Unit 1: People and Politics
Sample Assessment Material
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Answer TWO questions.

- 1.** (a) Outline **two** features of a political party. (5)
- (b) Explain **three** ways in which ‘new’ Labour differs from ‘old’ Labour. (10)
- * (c) Has the Conservative Party abandoned Thatcherism? (25)
- (Total 40 marks)**
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- 2.** (a) Define representative democracy. (5)
- (b) What are the main features of the UK’s democratic system? (10)
- * (c) How and why has the UK democratic system been criticised? (25)
- (Total 40 marks)**
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- 3.** (a) Distinguish between ‘insider’ and ‘outsider’ pressure groups. (5)
- (b) Why do some groups use ‘insider’ methods and other groups use ‘outsider’ methods? (10)
- * (c) Why are some pressure groups more influential than others? (25)
- (Total 40 marks)**
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- 4.** (a) What are the features of the ‘first past the post’ electoral system? (5)
- (b) Explain the workings of **two** other electoral systems used in the UK. (10)
- * (c) Should proportional representation be introduced for Westminster elections? (25)
- (Total 40 marks)**