

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE**  
**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**  
Contemporary Politics of the UK

**F851**

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

- 8 page answer booklet  
(sent with general stationery)

**Other materials required:**

None

**Thursday 13 January 2011**  
**Morning**

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **both** questions from Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- You must use your own knowledge and the source material to answer Question 1.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of your answer booklet.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to your answer booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- You are advised to spend 65 minutes on Section A and 25 minutes on Section B.
- You will be awarded marks in questions 1(b) and 2–5 for the quality of written communication including legibility, clarity of expression, structure and presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

## Section A

## Sources for Question 1

Read **all** the sources below and use them when answering Question 1.

## Source A: Conservative and Labour Party Income

The major parties no longer rely on membership fees alone to fund their activities. According to accounts submitted to the *Electoral Commission*, in 2008 the Conservative Party raised only £1.2 million from this source, less than 4% of its total income, while the Labour Party collected £3.9 million (11%) from individual party members. The biggest source of income for both parties was donations from individuals, amounting to £16 million (50%) for the Conservatives and £9.5 million (28%) for Labour.

## Source B: Party Income and Expenditure (£ millions), 2003–2008

		2003	2005	2008
<b>Conservative Party</b>	<b>Income</b>	£13.6	£24.2	£32.4
	<b>Expenditure</b>	£16.0	£39.2	£31.9
<b>Labour Party</b>	<b>Income</b>	£26.9	£35.3	£34.0
	<b>Expenditure</b>	£24.3	£49.8	£26.2
<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Income</b>	£4.1	£8.6	£5.5
	<b>Expenditure</b>	£4.0	£8.8	£6.0

## Source C: State Funding of Political Parties

Writing in the *Guardian* in 2009, cabinet minister James Purnell made a case for the state funding of political parties.

“We need to take the big money out of politics,” he said, and suggested that there should be a cap of a few hundred pounds on individual donations so that parties would have to seek the support of hundreds of thousands of party members rather than rely on a few rich donors.

Further, he argued, there should be a reduction in how much money parties could spend on elections, so that it was the campaign, and not the amount of money a party had, that made the difference. He also suggested capping spending in the years between elections.

**Section A**

Answer **all** the questions in this section.

- 1 (a) Using the sources and your own knowledge, outline the main ways in which political parties are funded in Britain. [12]
- (b) Using the sources and your own knowledge, discuss the view that there should be more state funding for political parties. [28]
- 2 Discuss the view that pressure groups are a threat to British democracy. [30]

**Section A Total: [70]**

**Section B**

Answer **one** question in this section.

- 3 To what extent do elections in the United Kingdom fulfil their purpose? [30]
- 4 How important has the mass media been in deciding the outcome of recent general elections? [30]
- 5 Discuss the view that it is the party leader that is the most important factor influencing voting behaviour. [30]

**Section B Total: [30]**

**Paper Total: [100]**

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