



**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

**Other Materials Required:**

None

**Monday 19 January 2009**  
**Morning**

**Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and 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 in your answer to 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.
- You are advised to spend 65 minutes on Section A and 25 minutes on Section B.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- 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

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

### Sources for Question 1

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

#### SOURCE A: Liberal Democrats and ASH websites

##### The Liberal Democrats

According to their website, the *Liberal Democrats* exist to “build and safeguard a fair, free and open society”, in which there is “a balance of fundamental values of liberty, equality and community”, and in which “no-one shall be enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity”. In their 2005 English general election manifesto they promised to abolish all university tuition fees, to withdraw British troops from Iraq by the end of the UN mandate and to oppose the introduction of identity cards.

##### Action on Smoking and Health

*Action on Smoking and Health* (ASH), a pressure group working to end the harm caused by tobacco, is committed to banning all forms of tobacco advertising, sponsorship and promotion, increasing the cost of smoking and ensuring the greater provision of smoke-free places in order to eliminate all involuntary smoke exposure.

#### SOURCE B: Examples of political activity

##### Advice on how to lobby your MP

There are a number of ways you can lobby your MP.

- You could meet them at the House of Commons. All UK citizens have the right to see their MP; just walk into parliament and ask to do so.
- MPs often hold ‘surgeries’ in their constituencies at which they meet local voters. Find out when and where your MP is holding their surgery and make an appointment with the local party office to talk to them.
- Many local MPs are willing to visit local schools and workplaces. Why not invite them to yours?
- Whatever you do, make sure you know what you want to say – and that you have the evidence to back it up.

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**Section A**

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

- 1 (a) Using the sources and your own knowledge, outline the differences between a pressure group and a party. [12]
- (b) Using the sources and your own knowledge, discuss the effectiveness of the various methods used by pressure groups to achieve their objectives. [28]
- 2 Why has the funding of political parties been an issue in British politics? [30]

**Section A Total: [70]**

**Section B**

Answer **one** question in this section.

- 3 Discuss the advantages of replacing the current system for electing MPs with a different one. [30]
- 4 How important has the campaign been in deciding the outcome of recent general elections? [30]
- 5 Discuss the view that class is no longer an important factor influencing the way people vote. [30]

**Section B Total: [30]**

**Paper Total: [100]**



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