

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

Contemporary Government of the UK

F852

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 8 page answer booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

**Tuesday 18 January 2011
Afternoon**

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 in Section A and **one** question in 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 the sheets to the 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 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 for the quality of written communication including 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: Membership of the House of Lords in 2010

	Men	Women	Total
Life Peers under Life Peerages Act, 1958	463	151	614
Peers under House of Lords Act, 1999	90	2	92
Archbishops and Bishops	26	0	26

Source B: Party Membership of the House of Lords in 2010

Conservative Peers	188
Labour Peers	225
Lib/Dem Peers	75
Peers with no formal party link – Crossbenchers	282

Source C: The reform of Parliament

In the current debate on parliamentary reform, some people argue that changing the role and/or composition of the House of Lords is no longer a major issue. Reforming the House of Commons by making the executive much more accountable to it, and giving the House of Commons greater powers to check ministers, is seen to be much more important to the democratic processes in the UK. Giving more power to backbenchers as well as changing the ways in which MPs are paid might also be considered.

Section A

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

- 1 (a) Using the sources and your own knowledge, describe the membership of the House of Lords. [12]
- (b) Using the sources and your own knowledge, discuss the need for parliamentary reform. [28]
- 2 Discuss the view that the cabinet is no longer an important part of the executive of the UK. [30]

Section A Total: [70]

Section B

Answer **one** question in this section.

- 3 Discuss the view that further constitutional reform is needed in the UK. [30]
- 4 Discuss the view that having an independent judiciary is the best method of protecting the rights and liberties of UK citizens. [30]
- 5 To what extent has membership of the EU benefited democracy in the UK? [30]

Section B Total: [30]

Paper Total: [100]

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