



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

Friday 22 May 2009
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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.
- Write your answers in black ink, in the Answer Booklet provided.
- 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

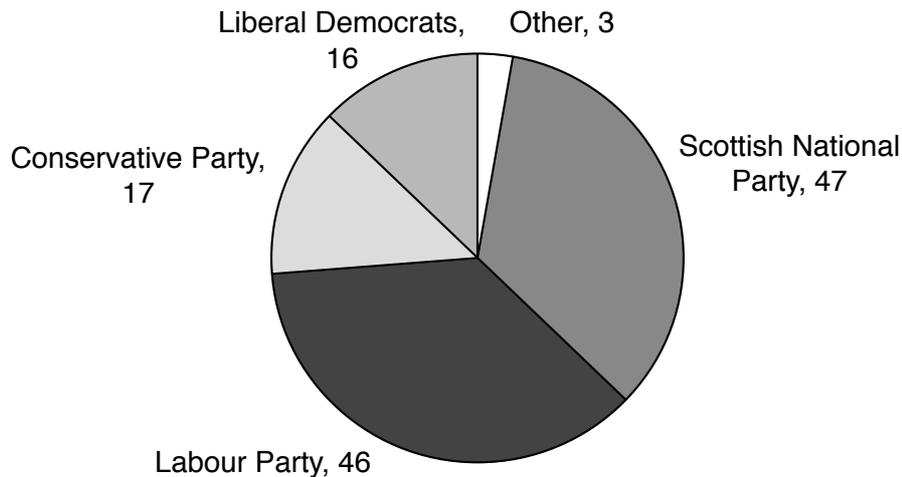
Answer **all** the questions in this section.

Sources for Question 1

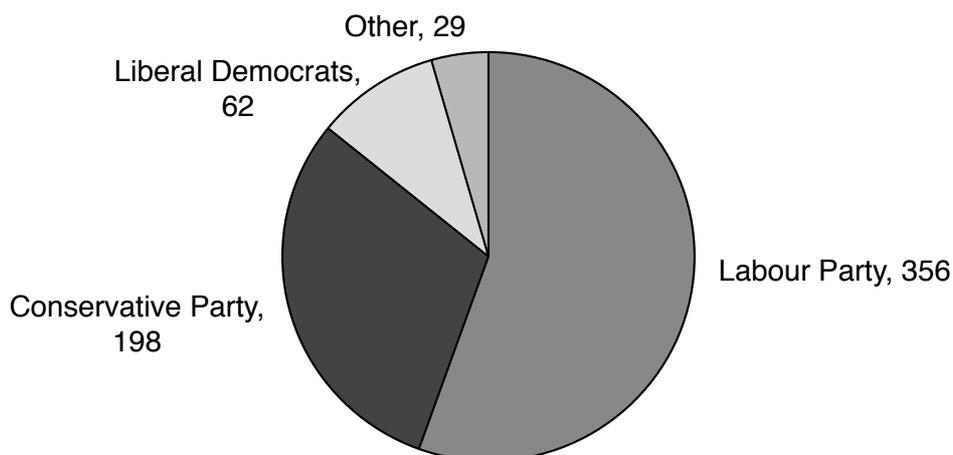
Read **all** the sources below and use them when answering Question 1.

SOURCE A: Seats won in recent elections

Scottish Parliament Election, 2007



General Election, 2005



SOURCE B: Party membership

In the early 1950s, it was claimed that more than $2\frac{3}{4}$ million people belonged to the Conservative Party, while the Labour Party had almost a million individual members. Fifty years later, membership of the Conservative Party had fallen to 290,000 and that of the Labour Party to 198,000. Moreover, in the first decade of the 21st century, the membership of one interest group, the *Royal Society for the Protection of Birds*, exceeded the membership of all the British political parties put together.

Section A

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

- 1 (a) Using the sources and your own knowledge, outline what is meant by a one-party system, a two-party system, a multi-party system and a dominant-party system. [12]
- (b) Using the sources and your own knowledge, discuss the view that political parties no longer have an important role to play in British politics. [28]
- 2 Discuss the importance of the factors that may contribute to the success of a pressure group. [30]

Section A Total: [70]

Section B

Answer **one** question in this section.

- 3 Discuss the view that referendums should be used more often in the United Kingdom. [30]
- 4 How democratic are elections for the House of Commons? [30]
- 5 Discuss the view that the decline in turnout at elections is the most important trend in voting behaviour. [30]

Section B Total: [30]

Paper Total: [100]

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