

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
Contemporary Government of the UK

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Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 8 page answer booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

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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.

IIINFORMATION 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

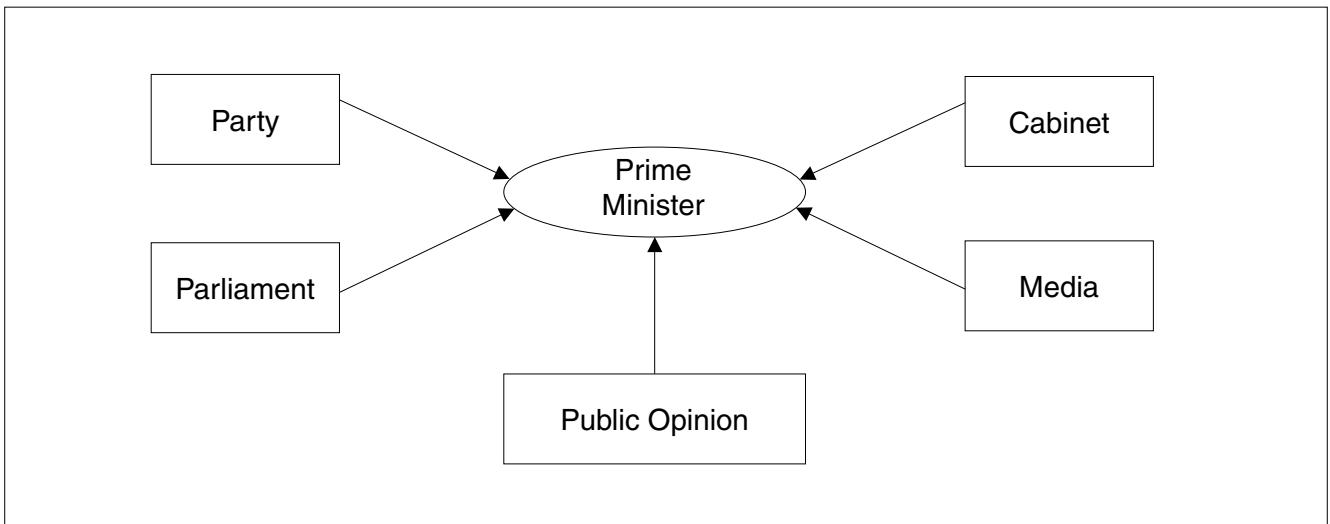
Sources for Question 1

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

Source A: The Roles of the Prime Minister

The prime minister has too much to do. He has to provide the overall direction in which he feels the country ought to proceed, while at the same time he is expected to master small details about the NHS and other aspects of public policy in the UK. He needs to manage the media, parliament, party and the whole executive structure of the UK, while he is also expected to be a 'charismatic' leader of the nation.

Source B: The Limits to Prime Ministerial Power



Source C: Prime Ministerial Power

While on the one hand there is a strong argument for giving the prime minister the powers needed to deal with major issues such as international terrorism and global warming, there are also worries that the office has become too powerful. The Lisbon Treaty, the invasion of Iraq and the military involvement in Afghanistan are often cited as examples of prime ministers taking decisions without properly consulting either parliament or the people.

Section A

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

- 1 (a) Using the sources and your own knowledge, describe the roles of the prime minister. [12]
(b) Using the sources and your own knowledge, discuss the view that there are too few limits to prime ministerial power. [28]
- 2 Discuss the view that political parties have too much power in parliament. [30]

Section A Total: [70]

Section B

Answer **one** question in this section.

- 3 Discuss the view that the British constitution is too flexible. [30]
- 4 Discuss the importance of the Constitutional Reform Act of 2005 to the UK judiciary. [30]
- 5 To what extent have recent EU developments had an impact on politics in the UK? [30]

Section B Total: [30]

Paper Total: [100]

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