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Politics

Advanced

PAPER 2: UK Government and Non-core Political Ideas

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **two** sections and you must answer **three** questions:
 - in Section A answer **either** 1(a) **or** 1(b) **and then either** 2(a) **or** 2(b)
 - in Section B answer **either** 3(a) **or** 3(b), 4(a) **or** 4(b), 5(a) **or** 5(b), 6(a) **or** 6(b), 7(a) **or** 7(b).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
 - *there may be more space than you need.*
- Calculators **must not** be used.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
 - *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
- Good luck with your examination.

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SECTION A: UK GOVERNMENT

Answer ONE question from either Question 1(a) or Question 1(b) and then answer ONE question from either Question 2(a) or Question 2(b).

EITHER

- 1 (a) *This source is adapted from an article in the Financial Times in November 2019.*

Source 1

Nigel Farage claimed that Brexit party supporters were offered peerages in an attempt to persuade the party not to field parliamentary candidates in the 2019 general election. After the general election, Farage vowed to campaign for a new political system by reforming the Lords, which he states has no democratic legitimacy. The average age of peers is 70 with too few women. The system of appointment produces an unprofessional chamber with 'working' and 'non-working' peers. Lacking legitimacy, the chamber is too weak to do its job. In 2015, research suggested a relationship between large political donors and nominations to the Lords is statistically significant.

However, the Lords display 'independence of thought' with many crossbenchers not being aligned to any political parties; many members see it as their duty to hold governments to account. Governments are regularly defeated in the Lords, which provides expert advice and informed scrutiny to the process of legislation. The independent House of Lords Appointments Commission vets all nominations for life peers, including those nominated by party leaders. This has increased the numbers of experts selected, and the Lords is now more representative: over 25% are women and around 6% come from ethnic minorities.

Source: adapted from <https://www.ft.com/content/2c8bb0a8-06fc-11ea-a984-fbbacad9e7dd>

Using the source, evaluate the view that the roles and membership of the House of Lords require reform.

In your response you must:

- *compare and contrast different opinions in the source*
- *examine and debate these views in a balanced way*
- *analyse and evaluate **only** the information presented in the source.*

(30)



Do not answer Question 1(b) if you have answered Question 1(a).

OR

- 1 (b) *This source is adapted from a Guardian article in September 2019. It reports on the unanimous judgement by the Supreme Court that the proroguing of Parliament by Boris Johnson was unlawful. The Court ruled that the original decision by the High Court was void, and the Speaker recalled Parliament.*

Source 2

Conservative MP Andrew Bridgen called the Supreme Court's judgement '...an absolute disgrace. It's the worst possible outcome for our democracy, with unelected judges completely ignoring the referendum vote we had in 2016 to leave the European Union.'

Critics argue that the Court has become too powerful, undermining parliamentary sovereignty in areas like 'Brexit', where judges should not stray. The increased use of judicial review means that in effect Parliament, as well as government, is often challenged. Our system, having no separation of powers, lacks clarity, which has enabled the Supreme Court to undermine Parliament.

However, Gina Miller said this is 'a win for parliamentary sovereignty, against an over-mighty executive'. It is right that the legality of the Prime Minister's decision was challenged as he was denying Parliament the right to scrutinise his 'Brexit' policy. Judicial reviews are an essential component of the rule of law, often upholding the will of Parliament against an executive that oversteps its powers under legislation.

With no separation of powers or a codified constitution, the Court has helped to rebalance the relationship between Parliament and the executive. However, critics argue declarations of incompatibility made by the Court challenge the sovereignty of Parliament and can be controversial.

Source: adapted from a *Guardian* article in September 2019

Using the source, evaluate the view that the Supreme Court has strengthened parliamentary sovereignty.

In your response you must:

- *compare and contrast different opinions in the source*
- *examine and debate these views in a balanced way*
- *analyse and evaluate **only** the information presented in the source.*

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AND EITHER

- 2 (a) Evaluate the view that devolution has been good for Wales and Scotland but not for England and Northern Ireland.

In your answer you should draw on relevant knowledge and understanding of the study of Component 1: UK politics and core political ideas. You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

(30)

OR

- (b) Evaluate the view that since 2010 the executive has dominated Parliament.

In your answer you should draw on relevant knowledge and understanding of the study of Component 1: UK politics and core political ideas. You must consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 60 MARKS



SECTION B: NON-CORE POLITICAL IDEAS

Answer ONE question EITHER (a) OR (b) from the political idea that you have studied.

Anarchism

EITHER

- 3 (a) To what extent are anarchists united in their reasons for opposing the state?

You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer.

(24)

OR

- (b) To what extent do anarchists have a common view of an ideal society?

You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer.

(24)

(Total for Question 3 = 24 marks)

Ecologism

EITHER

- 4 (a) To what extent is ecologism a clear rejection of anthropocentrism?

You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer.

(24)

OR

- (b) To what extent does ecologism reject existing social structures?

You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer.

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(Total for Question 4 = 24 marks)

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Feminism**EITHER**

- 5 (a) To what extent does the state have a key role in securing feminist goals?

You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer.

(24)

OR

- (b) To what extent do feminists agree about the nature of the economy in a future society?

You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer.

(24)

(Total for Question 5 = 24 marks)

Multiculturalism**EITHER**

- 6 (a) To what extent does multiculturalism promote segregated rather than integrated societies?

You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer.

(24)

OR

- (b) To what extent are multiculturalists more divided than united?

You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer.

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(Total for Question 6 = 24 marks)



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Nationalism

EITHER

- 7 (a) To what extent do nationalists agree on the core ideas and principles of the state?

You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer.

(24)

OR

- (b) To what extent is nationalism expansionist?

You must use appropriate thinkers you have studied to support your answer.

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(Total for Question 7 = 24 marks)



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