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Edexcel GCE

Government and Politics

Advanced Subsidiary Unit 1: People and Politics

Monday 14 January 2013 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Paper Reference

6GP01/01

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.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- You will be assessed on your ability to organise and present information, ideas, descriptions and arguments clearly and logically, taking into account your use of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer any TWO questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

It is advised that you divide your time equally between both questions.

- 1** (a) What is meant by the term 'party system'? (5)
- (b) Explain how and why party representation may be affected by any **three** different electoral systems. (10)
- (c) Assess the advantages of using proportional representation electoral systems. (25)

(Total for Question 1 = 40 marks)

- 2** (a) Describe **two** political ideas that are considered to be right wing. (5)
- (b) Explain **three** ways in which any one of the major political parties is internally divided. (10)
- (c) To what extent do the major parties differ over policies and ideas? (25)

(Total for Question 2 = 40 marks)

- 3** (a) Describe **two** ways in which pressure groups promote political participation. (5)
- (b) Explain **three** reasons why pressure group activity may undermine democracy. (10)
- (c) To what extent is the success of pressure groups a reflection of their level of public support? (25)

(Total for Question 3 = 40 marks)

- 4** (a) Outline **two** features of the UK's system of parliamentary democracy. (5)
- (b) Explain how and why the use of digital democracy could make the UK more democratic. (10)
- (c) Should direct democracy be more widely used in the UK? (25)

(Total for Question 4 = 40 marks)

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