

Politics A-Level Curriculum Map

Exam Paper 1 Autumn – Spring Term, Year 1 <i>30 Mark Source Question</i> <i>30 Mark Essay question</i>	Topic 1 Political Parties. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functions and features • Party funding • Established Political Parties • Emerging and minor UK political parties • UK political parties in context
	Topic 2. Democracy and Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current systems of representative and direct democracy in the UK. • Pressure Groups • Rights in context
	Topic 3 Electoral Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different electoral systems • Referendums and how they are used • Electoral system analysis.
Summer Term, Year 1 <i>Core Ideology</i> <i>24 Mark question</i>	Topic 4 Voting Behaviour and the Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Study of three general elections • Influence of the media
	Topic 9 Liberalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core ideas and how they relate to human nature, the state, society and the economy • key ideas of the thinkers
	Topic 10 Conservatism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core ideas and how they relate to human nature, the state, society and the economy • key ideas of the thinkers
	Topic 11 Socialism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core ideas and how they relate to human nature, the state, society and the economy • key ideas of the thinkers

Exam Paper 2 Spring – Summer Term, Year 1 <i>30 Mark Source Question</i> <i>30 Mark Essay question</i>	Topic 5 The UK Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature and sources of the UK constitution • How the constitution has changed since 1997. • The role and powers of devolved bodies in the UK, and the impact of this devolution • Debates on further reform.
	Topic 6 Parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure role and functions of the House of Commons and House of Lords • Comparative powers of House of Commons and House of Lords • Legislative Process • Ways Parliament interact with Executive
	Topic 7 Executive and Prime Minister <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure, role and powers of the executive • The concept of ministerial responsibility. • The power of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet.
	Topic 8 Relations between branches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supreme Court • Aims, role and impact of EU on UK government • Location of sovereignty in UK political system
Summer Term, Year 1 <i>24 Mark question</i>	Topic 12 Feminism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core ideas and how they relate to human nature, the state, society and the economy • key ideas of the thinkers

Exam Paper 3 Autumn-Spring Term, Year 2 <i>12 mark comparative</i> <i>12 mark comparative</i> <i>30 mark essay</i> <i>30 mark essay</i>	Topic 13 US Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of the US Constitution. • The principles of the US Constitution • Debates on the US Constitution • Federalism
	Topic 14 Congress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure of Congress. • The distribution of powers within Congress • The functions of Congress. • Debates around Congress.
	Topic 15 Executive and Presidency Electoral Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal and Informal sources of power. • Relationships between the presidency and other branches • How effectively they have achieved their aims. • The role and power of the president in foreign policy.
	Topic 16 US Democracy and Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential elections and their significance • Campaign Finance • Democrat and Republican Parties • American Interest groups. t
	Topic 17 US Supreme Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCOTUS nature • Appointment process • Relationship with public policy • Protection of rights and liberties • Race and rights • Debates around SCOTUS

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