

# Politics A-Level Curriculum Map

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

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

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

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