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# A Level Politics



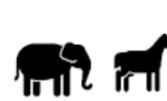
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**Exam Focus: Paper 3**  
 Each paper will have a choice of:  
 - 2 Comparison questions (12 marks),  
 - 3 essay questions (do 2) (30 marks each)  
 And 1 compulsory comparison question (12 marks)  
 This paper is worth 1/3 of your total mark.



Structure, policies and factions within the Democrat and Republican parties

Campaign finance

Presidential elections: Primaries, caucuses, Electoral college

## Paper 3, Topic 5: Democracy and participation

Methods, types and power of US interest groups

Voting behaviour and voting patterns

How Congress 'checks' other branches

The role of parties in Congress

Role and powers of the president



Limits on Presidential power

Case studies of presidents

Rights and race and the Supreme Court

The legislative process

Structure and powers of Congress

## Paper 3, Topic 2: Congress

## Paper 3, Topic 3: The President

## Paper 3, Topic 4: The Supreme Court and race

Judicial activism and restraint

Key cases

Congressional elections

Informal powers of the president

Imperial presidency

The extent to which the constitution enhances democracy

The amendment process

EXOP, NSC, OBM, WHO

Role of the president in foreign policy

Nature of the Supreme Court

Appointments process and politicisation

Composition and ideology of the current court

Comparison with the UK constitution

## Paper 3, Topic 1: The US constitution

Checks and balances

What federalism is, and to what extent the US is still a federal system

Structure of the constitution

Differing views and tensions within Feminism

Core ideas and strands of feminism

## YEAR 13

**Exam Focus: Paper 1 and 2**  
 Each paper will have a choice of:  
 - 2 extract questions (30 marks),  
 - 2 essay questions (30 marks)  
 - 2 essay questions on the ideologies (24 marks).  
 Each paper is worth 1/3 of your total mark.

## Paper 2: Non-core ideology: Feminism

Origins of feminism

Study 5 key thinkers



Core ideas and strands of socialism

Differing views and tensions in socialism

Origins of socialism

Origins of liberalism

Core ideas and strands of liberalism

Core ideas and strands of conservatism

## Paper 1 Core Ideologies: Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism

Study 5 key thinkers in each ideology

Differing views and tensions in liberalism

Differing views and tensions in conservatism

Origins of conservatism

Debates on systems

Advantages and disadvantages of electoral systems

Referendums in the UK and their impact

Case studies – 3 different general elections

Impact of systems on representation and voter choice

Analysis of voting behaviour

Different types of media and their impact

Opinion polls and elections

FPPT  
AMS  
STV  
SV

## Paper 1, Topic 3: Electoral Systems

## Paper 1, Topic 4: Voting Behaviour

## Paper 2, Topic 3: The Executive

## Paper 2, Topic 4: Relations

Powers of the PM

The cabinet

Case studies of PMs

The supreme court

Relationship between parliament and the executive

Judicial neutrality and independence

Special advisors

Ministers and their departments



Participation in politics

Widening of the franchise

Relations between SC and gov/parliament

Tories  
Labour  
Lib  
Dems

The political spectrum

Features and functions of political parties

Funding of political parties

Is there a crisis in democracy?

Pressure groups methods

Direct v representative democracy



## Paper 1, Topic 2: Political Parties

## Paper 1, Topic 1: Democracy and Participation

## Paper 2, Topic 2: The Legislature

## Paper 2, Topic 1: The constitution

Scrutiny of the executive

Role of MPs, peers and backbenchers

Structure of the Commons and the Lords

Sources of the UK constitution

Devolution in UK nations

What is a constitution and what type we have in the UK

Structure and powers of the Commons and the Lords

Passage of a bill

Constitutional reforms 1997-current



## YEAR 12

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