





Revision Checklist – Paper 1 (UK Government & Politics)
Part One: UK Government

Topic		Notes			
Chapter 1: The nature and sources of the British Constitution					
1.1	Key Historical documents				
1.2	Sources of the constitution				
1.3	Nature of the constitution				
1.4	Constitutional reform since 1997				
1.5	Individual and collective rights in the UK				
Chapter 2: The structure and role of Parliament					
2.1	Structure and role of the House of Commons				
2.2	Structure and role of the House of Lords				
2.3	Power of the House of Commons				
2.4	Power of the House of Lords				
2.5	The legislative process				
2.6	Theories of representation in parliament				
2.7	Committees				
2.8	Parliamentary scrutiny of the Executive				
Chapter 3: The Prime Minister and cabinet					
3.1	Role and powers of the Prime Minister				
3.2	Role and powers of the Cabinet				
3.3	Policy making				
3.4	The Prime Minister-Cabinet relationship				
3.5	Individual & Collective Responsibility				
Chapter 4: The judiciary					
4.1	Composition of the judiciary				
4.2	Appointments to the judiciary				
4.3	Structure and role of the Supreme Court				
4.4	Judicial independence and neutrality				
4.5	Key Supreme Court cases				
Chapter 5: Devolution					
5.1	Role, and responsibilities of devolved bodies				
5.2	Devolution in England				
5.3	Devolution in Scotland				
5.4	Devolution in Northern Ireland				
5.5	Devolution in Wales				
5.6	Impact of devolution on UK government				




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Part Two: UK Politics

Topic		Notes	😊	😐	😞
Chapter 1: Democracy and Participation					
1.1	Direct and representative democracy				
1.2	Extending the franchise				
1.3	Participation crisis				
Chapter 2: Elections and Referendums					
2.1	First Past the Post				
2.2	Additional Member System				
2.3	Supplementary Vote				
2.4	Single Transferable Vote				
2.5	Factors influencing voting behaviour				
2.6	1983 General Election				
2.7	1997 General Election				
2.8	2019 General Election				
2.9	Referenda				
Chapter 3: Political Parties					
3.1	Ideas & development of the Conservatives				
3.2	Ideas & development of Labour				
3.3	Ideas & development of the Liberal Democrats				
3.4	Policy & structure of the three main parties				
3.5	Party funding				
3.6	Relationship with the media				
3.7	Factors affecting electoral outcomes				
3.8	Minor parties				
3.9	Party systems				
Chapter 4: Pressure Groups					
4.1	Types of pressure groups				
4.2	Methods of pressure groups				
4.3	Influence of pressure groups				
4.4	Think tanks, lobbyists and corporations				
4.5	Pluralism				
Chapter 5: The European Union					
5.1	Key institutions of the EU				
5.2	Aims and achievements of the EU				
5.3	Impact of the EU on UK politics				
5.4	Impact of the EU on UK policy				
5.5	Brexit				




Revision Checklist – Paper 2 (US Government & Politics)
Part One

Topic		Notes			
Chapter 1: The constitutional framework of US government					
1.1	Nature & significance of the Constitution				
1.2	Constitutional principles				
1.3	Separation of powers				
1.4	Checks and balances				
1.5	Federalism				
1.6	The amendment process				
1.7	Protection of civil liberties by the Constitution				
Chapter 2: The legislative branch of government: Congress					
2.1	Structure & composition of Congress				
2.2	Functions & powers of Congress				
2.3	House of Representatives vs Senate				
2.4	The Committee System				
2.5	Voting in Congress				
2.6	Parties in Congress				
Chapter 3: The executive branch of government: President					
3.1	Formal & informal powers of the president				
3.2	Sources of presidential power				
3.3	Limits on presidential power				
3.4	The president and foreign policy				
3.5	Relationship with other institutions				
3.6	Imperial presidency				
Chapter 4: The judicial branch of government					
4.1	Composition of the Supreme Court				
4.2	Appointment to the Supreme Court				
4.3	Nature of judicial power				
4.4	The constitutional role of the Supreme Court				
4.5	Judicial review				
4.6	Landmark Supreme Court rulings				
4.7	Significance of the Supreme Court in policy making: example				
Chapter 5: The electoral process and direct democracy					
5.1	The electoral system				
5.2	Presidential & congressional campaigns				
5.3	Candidate selection & nomination				
5.4	The electoral college				
5.5	Factors determining electoral outcomes				
5.6	Campaign finance				
5.7	Direct democracy				
5.8	Voting behaviour				
5.9	Split-ticket voting				

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Part Two**

Topic		Notes			
Chapter 6: Political parties					
6.1	Divisions between the Republicans & Democrats				
6.2	Polarisation of the two main parties				
6.3	Party decline & resurgence				
6.4	Two-party dominance				
6.5	Third parties				
Chapter 7: Pressure groups					
7.1	Pluralism in the USA				
7.2	Types of pressure groups				
7.3	Methods used by pressure groups				
7.4	Election funding				
7.5	Power of pressure groups				
Chapter 8: Civil rights					
8.1	Protection of civil liberties				
8.2	Pressure groups' role in supporting rights				
8.3	Impact of civil rights on US politics: example				
Chapter 9: Comparative Politics					
9.1	Structural, rational & cultural theory				
9.2	UK vs US Constitution				
9.3	Parliament vs Congress				
9.4	Prime Minister vs President				
9.5	UK vs US Supreme Court				
9.6	UK vs US electoral systems				
9.7	UK vs US pressure groups				
9.8	UK vs US civil rights				

Revision Checklist – Paper 3 (Political Ideas)

Topic		Notes			
Chapter 1: Liberalism					
1.1	Origins & history of liberalism				
1.2	Core ideas & principles of liberalism				
1.3	Main types of liberalism				
1.4	Tensions within liberalism				
1.5	Liberal key thinkers				
Chapter 2: Conservatism					
2.1	Origins & history of conservatism				
2.2	Core ideas & principles of conservatism				
2.3	Main types of conservatism				
2.4	Tensions within conservatism				
2.5	Conservative key thinkers				
Chapter 3: Socialism					
3.1	Origins & history of socialism				
3.2	Core ideas & principles of socialism				
3.3	Main types of socialism				
3.4	Tensions within socialism				
3.5	Socialist key thinkers				
Chapter 4: Non-Core Political Idea					
4.1	Origins & history of your non-core idea				
4.2	Core ideas & principles of your non-core idea				
4.3	Main types of your non-core idea				
4.4	Tensions within your non-core idea				
4.5	Key thinkers of your non-core idea				