

Exam Topic Tracker – Paper 1 (UK Politics & Core Political Ideas)

Topic		2019	2020
Chapter 1: Democracy & Participation			
1.1	Direct and representative democracy		
1.2	Extending the franchise		
1.3	Pressure groups – case studies	2a	2a
1.4	Pressure group methods	2a	2a
1.5	Lobbyists, think tanks and corporations	2a	2a
1.6	Rights in context		2a
Chapter 2: Political Parties			
2.1	Functions of parties		
2.2	Funding of parties		1b
2.3	The Conservative Party	2b	
2.4	The Labour Party	2b	
2.5	The Liberal Democrats	2b	
2.6	The SNP and UKIP/Brexit Party	2b	
2.7	Party systems		
2.8	Factors affecting party success		
Chapter 3: Electoral Systems			
3.1	First Past the Post	1b	2b
3.2	Additional Member System	1b	2b
3.3	Supplementary Vote	1b	2b
3.4	Single Transferable Vote	1b	2b
3.5	Referendums		
Chapter 4: Voting Behaviour & The Media			
4.1	Short term factors affecting voting behaviour	1a	1a
4.2	Long term factors affecting voting behaviour	1a	1a
4.3	The influence of the media	1a	1a
Chapter 5: Conservatism			
5.1	Core ideas and principles of conservatism		
5.2	Human Nature		
5.3	The State		
5.4	Society	3b	
5.5	The Economy		
Chapter 6: Liberalism			
6.1	Core ideas and principles of liberalism		3a
6.2	Human Nature		
6.3	The State		
6.4	Society		
6.5	The Economy		
Chapter 7: Socialism			
7.1	Core ideas and principles of socialism		3b
7.2	Human Nature		
7.3	The State		
7.4	Society		3b
7.5	The Economy	3a	3b

Exam Topic Tracker – Paper 2 Section A (UK Government)

Topic		2019	2020
Chapter 1: The Constitution			
1.1	Key Historical documents		
1.2	Sources of the constitution		
1.3	Nature of the constitution		1b
1.4	Constitutional reform since 1997		
1.5	Devolution	1a	
1.6	Debates about further constitutional reform		1b
Chapter 2: 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	2b	
2.4	Power of the House of Lords	2b	
2.5	The legislative process		
2.6	Parliament scrutiny of the Executive	2b	1a
Chapter 3: Prime Minister and Executive			
3.1	Structure and role of the Executive		
3.2	Power of the Executive		
3.3	Collective Responsibility		
3.4	Individual Responsibility		
3.5	Power of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	1b	2b
3.6	Prime Minister case studies		
Chapter 4: Relations between branches			
4.1	The Supreme Court		2a
4.2	Judicial Independence and Neutrality		
4.3	How parliament holds the Executive to account		
4.4	The aims of the EU		
4.5	The impacts of the EU	2a	
4.6	Political sovereignty	2a	

Exam Topic Tracker – Paper 2 Section B (Non-Core Political Ideas)

Topic		2019	2020
Chapter 5: Anarchism			
5.1	Core ideas and principles of anarchism	3b	3b
5.2	Human Nature		3a
5.3	The State		
5.4	Society	3b	
5.5	The Economy	3a	3b
Chapter 6: Ecologism			
6.1	Core ideas and principles of ecologism	4a	4a
6.2	Human Nature		
6.3	The State		
6.4	Society	4b	
6.5	The Economy		4b
Chapter 7: Feminism			
7.1	Core ideas and principles of feminism		5a
7.2	Human Nature	5a	5b
7.3	The State		
7.4	Society	5b	5a
7.5	The Economy		
Chapter 8: Multiculturalism			
8.1	Core ideas and principles of multiculturalism	6a	6a
8.2	Human Nature		
8.3	The State	6b	
8.4	Society		6a 6b
8.5	The Economy		
Chapter 9: Nationalism			
9.1	Core ideas and principles of nationalism	7a	7a
9.2	Human Nature		7b
9.3	The State		
9.4	Society	7b	
9.5	The Economy		

Exam Topic Tracker – Paper 3A (Comparative Politics – USA)

Topic		2019	2020
Chapter 1: US Constitution and federalism			
1.1	Nature of the constitution		3b
1.2	The constitutional framework		3b
1.3	The amendment process		
1.4	Evaluation of the constitution		
1.5	Federalism	1b	
1.6	Debates surrounding the constitution and federalism		
Chapter 2: US Congress			
2.1	The structure of Congress	3c	
2.2	Congressional powers	2	1a
2.3	Representative function		
2.4	Legislative function	2	
2.5	Oversight function		
2.6	Debates surrounding Congress	3a	
Chapter 3: US Presidency			
3.1	Formal sources of presidential power		
3.2	Informal sources of presidential power		
3.3	Executive Office of the President		
3.4	Limits on the President's power		1b
3.5	Foreign Policy	3a	
3.6	Debates surrounding the President		
Chapter 4: US Supreme Court and civil rights			
4.1	Nature and role of the Supreme Court		3c
4.2	The appointment process for the Supreme Court		3c
4.3	The Supreme Court and public policy	3b	3c
4.4	Protection of civil rights	1a	
4.5	Race and rights		
4.6	Debates surrounding the Supreme Court and rights	3b	
Chapter 5: US Democracy and participation			
5.1	Presidential elections	3c	
5.2	The Democratic Party		2 3a
5.3	The Republican Party		2 3a
5.4	Interest Groups	1a 3b	
5.5	Debates surrounding US democracy and participation		
Chapter 6: Comparative theories			
6.1	UK vs US Constitution	1b	1a
6.2	Parliament vs Congress	2	
6.3	Prime Minister vs President		1b
6.4	UK vs US Supreme Court and civil rights	1a	
6.5	UK vs US democracy and participation		2

Exam Topic Tracker – Paper 3B (Comparative Politics – Global)

Topic		2019	2020
Chapter 1: The State and Globalisation			
1.1	The nation-state and national sovereignty		
1.2	Globalisation		1a
1.3	Impact of globalisation	3a	
1.4	Poverty, human rights, environment and conflict		
Chapter 2: Political and Economic Global Governance			
2.1	The United Nations		3b
2.2	NATO		
2.3	The IMF and World Bank		
2.4	The WTO, G7/8 and G20	1a	
2.5	Poverty, human rights, environment and conflict		
Chapter 3: Human Rights and Environmental Global Governance			
3.1	The ICJ, ICC, ECHR and UN tribunals	3b	3a
3.2	The impact of the ICJ, ICC, ECHR and UN tribunals	3b	3a
3.3	The UNFCCC		3a
3.4	Climate conferences		3a
3.5	Role and significance of the IPCC		3a
3.6	Poverty, human rights, environment and conflict		
Chapter 4: Power and Developments			
4.1	Types of power		3b
4.2	State classifications (superpower, emerging, great)	1b	
4.3	Polarity	3a	3c
4.4	Different systems of government		
4.5	Spread of liberal values		
4.6	Poverty, human rights, environment and conflict		
Chapter 5: Regionalism and the EU			
5.1	Forms of regionalism		1b
5.2	NAFTA, the AU, ASEAN and the Arab League	3c	
5.3	Factors that led to the EU		1b
5.4	Significance of the EU	3c	
Chapter 6: Comparative theories			
6.1	Ideas of realism	2	2
6.2	Ideas of liberalism	2	2
6.3	Divisions between realists and liberals	2	2
6.4	The anarchical society and society of states		
6.5	How realists and liberals explain recent political developments		