








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

| Topic | | Notes |  |  |  |
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| 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| 1.1 | Key Historical documents | | | | |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

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| Chapter 1: Democracy and Participation | | | | | |
| 6.1 | Direct and representative democracy | | | | |
| 6.2 | Extending the franchise | | | | |
| 6.3 | Participation crisis | | | | |
| Chapter 2: Elections and Referendums | | | | | |
| 7.1 | First Past the Post | | | | |
| 7.2 | Additional Member System | | | | |
| 7.3 | Supplementary Vote | | | | |
| 7.4 | Single Transferable Vote | | | | |
| 7.5 | Factors influencing voting behaviour | | | | |
| 7.6 | 1983 General Election | | | | |
| 7.7 | 1997 General Election | | | | |
| 7.8 | 2019 General Election | | | | |
| 7.9 | Referenda | | | | |
| Chapter 3: Political Parties | | | | | |
| 8.1 | Ideas & development of the Conservatives | | | | |
| 8.2 | Ideas & development of Labour | | | | |
| 8.3 | Ideas & development of the Liberal Democrats | | | | |
| 8.4 | Policy & structure of the three main parties | | | | |
| 8.5 | Party funding | | | | |
| 8.6 | Relationship with the media | | | | |
| 8.7 | Factors affecting electoral outcomes | | | | |
| 8.8 | Minor parties | | | | |
| 8.9 | Party systems | | | | |
| Chapter 4: Pressure Groups | | | | | |
| 9.1 | Types of pressure groups | | | | |
| 9.2 | Methods of pressure groups | | | | |
| 9.3 | Influence of pressure groups | | | | |
| 9.4 | Think tanks, lobbyists and corporations | | | | |
| 9.5 | Pluralism | | | | |
| Chapter 5: The European Union | | | | | |
| 10.1 | Key institutions of the EU | | | | |
| 10.2 | Aims and achievements of the EU | | | | |
| 10.3 | Impact of the EU on UK politics | | | | |
| 10.4 | Impact of the EU on UK policy | | | | |
| 10.5 | Brexit | | | | |

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

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| Chapter 1: The constitutional framework of US government | | | | | |
| 11.1 | Nature & significance of the Constitution | | | | |
| 11.2 | Constitutional principles | | | | |
| 11.3 | Separation of powers | | | | |
| 11.4 | Checks and balances | | | | |
| 11.5 | Federalism | | | | |
| 11.6 | The amendment process | | | | |
| 11.7 | Protection of civil liberties by the Constitution | | | | |
| Chapter 2: The legislative branch of government: Congress | | | | | |
| 12.1 | Structure & composition of Congress | | | | |
| 12.2 | Functions & powers of Congress | | | | |
| 12.3 | House of Representatives vs Senate | | | | |
| 12.4 | The Committee System | | | | |
| 12.5 | Voting in Congress | | | | |
| 12.6 | Parties in Congress | | | | |
| Chapter 3: The executive branch of government: President | | | | | |
| 13.1 | Formal & informal powers of the president | | | | |
| 13.2 | Sources of presidential power | | | | |
| 13.3 | Limits on presidential power | | | | |
| 13.4 | The president and foreign policy | | | | |
| 13.5 | Relationship with other institutions | | | | |
| 13.6 | Imperial presidency | | | | |
| Chapter 4: The judicial branch of government | | | | | |
| 14.1 | Composition of the Supreme Court | | | | |
| 14.2 | Appointment to the Supreme Court | | | | |
| 14.3 | Nature of judicial power | | | | |
| 14.4 | The constitutional role of the Supreme Court | | | | |
| 14.5 | Judicial review | | | | |
| 14.6 | Landmark Supreme Court rulings | | | | |
| 14.7 | Significance of the Supreme Court in policy making: example | | | | |
| Chapter 5: The electoral process and direct democracy | | | | | |
| 15.1 | The electoral system | | | | |
| 15.2 | Presidential & congressional campaigns | | | | |
| 15.3 | Candidate selection & nomination | | | | |
| 15.4 | The electoral college | | | | |
| 15.5 | Factors determining electoral outcomes | | | | |
| 15.6 | Campaign finance | | | | |
| 15.7 | Direct democracy | | | | |
| 15.8 | Voting behaviour | | | | |
| 15.9 | Split-ticket voting | | | | |

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Part Two**

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| Chapter 6: Political parties | | | | | |
| 16.1 | Divisions between the Republicans & Democrats | | | | |
| 16.2 | Polarisation of the two main parties | | | | |
| 16.3 | Party decline & resurgence | | | | |
| 16.4 | Two-party dominance | | | | |
| 16.5 | Third parties | | | | |
| Chapter 7: Pressure groups | | | | | |
| 17.1 | Pluralism in the USA | | | | |
| 17.2 | Types of pressure groups | | | | |
| 17.3 | Methods used by pressure groups | | | | |
| 17.4 | Election funding | | | | |
| 17.5 | Power of pressure groups | | | | |
| Chapter 8: Civil rights | | | | | |
| 18.1 | Protection of civil liberties | | | | |
| 18.2 | Pressure groups' role in supporting rights | | | | |
| 18.3 | Impact of civil rights on US politics: example | | | | |
| Chapter 9: Comparative Politics | | | | | |
| 19.1 | Structural, rational & cultural theory | | | | |
| 19.2 | UK vs US Constitution | | | | |
| 19.3 | Parliament vs Congress | | | | |
| 19.4 | Prime Minister vs President | | | | |
| 19.5 | UK vs US Supreme Court | | | | |
| 19.6 | UK vs US electoral systems | | | | |
| 19.7 | UK vs US pressure groups | | | | |
| 19.8 | UK vs US civil rights | | | | |

Revision Checklist – Paper 3 (Political Ideas)

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| Chapter 1: Liberalism | | | | | |
| 20.1 | Origins & history of liberalism | | | | |
| 20.2 | Core ideas & principles of liberalism | | | | |
| 20.3 | Main types of liberalism | | | | |
| 20.4 | Tensions within liberalism | | | | |
| 20.5 | Liberal key thinkers | | | | |
| Chapter 2: Conservatism | | | | | |
| 21.1 | Origins & history of conservatism | | | | |
| 21.2 | Core ideas & principles of conservatism | | | | |
| 21.3 | Main types of conservatism | | | | |
| 21.4 | Tensions within conservatism | | | | |
| 21.5 | Conservative key thinkers | | | | |
| Chapter 3: Socialism | | | | | |
| 22.1 | Origins & history of socialism | | | | |
| 22.2 | Core ideas & principles of socialism | | | | |
| 22.3 | Main types of socialism | | | | |
| 22.4 | Tensions within socialism | | | | |
| 22.5 | Socialist key thinkers | | | | |
| Chapter 4: Non-Core Political Idea | | | | | |
| 23.1 | Origins & history of your non-core idea | | | | |
| 23.2 | Core ideas & principles of your non-core idea | | | | |
| 23.3 | Main types of your non-core idea | | | | |
| 23.4 | Tensions within your non-core idea | | | | |
| 23.5 | Key thinkers of your non-core idea | | | | |