







Revision Checklist – Paper 1 (UK Politics & Core Political Ideas)

Topic		Notes	😊	😐	😞
Chapter 1: Democracy & Participation					
1.1	Direct and representative democracy				
1.2	Extending the franchise				
1.3	Pressure groups – case studies				
1.4	Pressure group methods				
1.5	Lobbyists, think tanks and corporations				
1.6	Rights in context				
Chapter 2: Political Parties					
2.1	Functions of parties				
2.2	Funding of parties				
2.3	The Conservative Party				
2.4	The Labour Party				
2.5	The Liberal Democrats				
2.6	The SNP and UKIP/Brexit Party				
2.7	Party systems				
2.8	Factors affecting party success				
Chapter 3: Electoral Systems					
3.1	First Past the Post				
3.2	Additional Member System				
3.3	Supplementary Vote				
3.4	Single Transferable Vote				
3.5	Referendums				
3.6	Electoral system analysis				
Chapter 4: Voting Behaviour & The Media					
4.1	Pre-1997 General Election				
4.2	1997 General Election				
4.3	Post-1997 General Election				
4.4	Short term factors affecting voting behaviour				
4.5	Long term factors affecting voting behaviour				
4.6	The influence of the media				
Chapter 5: Conservatism					
5.1	Core ideas and principles of conservatism				
5.2	Differences and tensions within conservatism				
5.3	Conservative key thinkers				
Chapter 6: Liberalism					
6.1	Core ideas and principles of liberalism				
6.2	Differences and tensions within liberalism				
6.3	Liberal key thinkers				
Chapter 7: Socialism					
7.1	Core ideas and principles of socialism				
7.2	Differences and tensions within socialism				
7.3	Socialist key thinkers				

Revision Checklist – Paper 2 (UK Government & Non-Core Political Ideas)

Topic		Notes			
Chapter 1: The Constitution					
8.1	Key Historical documents				
8.2	Sources of the constitution				
8.3	Nature of the constitution				
8.4	Constitutional reform since 1997				
8.5	Devolution				
8.6	Debates about further constitutional reform				
Chapter 2: Parliament					
9.1	Structure and role of the House of Commons				
9.2	Structure and role of the House of Lords				
9.3	Power of the House of Commons				
9.4	Power of the House of Lords				
9.5	The legislative process				
9.6	Parliament scrutiny of the Executive				
9.7	The role of backbenchers				
Chapter 3: Prime Minister and Executive					
10.1	Structure and role of the Executive				
10.2	Power of the Executive				
10.3	Collective Responsibility				
10.4	Individual Responsibility				
10.5	Power of the Prime Minister				
10.6	The Cabinet				
10.7	Prime Minister case studies				
Chapter 4: Relations between branches					
11.1	Role & Composition of the Supreme Court				
11.2	Judicial Independence and Neutrality				
11.3	How the judiciary holds other branches to account				
11.4	How parliament holds the Executive to account				
11.5	The aims of the EU				
11.6	The impacts of the EU				
11.7	Brexit				
11.8	Sovereignty in the UK				
Chapter 5: Non-Core Political Idea					
12.1	Core ideas and principles of your ideology				
12.2	Differences and tensions within your ideology				
12.3	Key thinkers of your ideology				

Revision Checklist – Paper 3A (Comparative Politics – USA)

Topic		Notes			
Chapter 1: US Constitution and federalism					
13.1	Nature of the constitution				
13.2	The constitutional framework				
13.3	The amendment process				
13.4	Evaluation of the constitution				
13.5	Federalism				
13.6	Debates surrounding the constitution and federalism				
Chapter 2: US Congress					
14.1	The structure of Congress				
14.2	Congressional powers				
14.3	Representative function				
14.4	Legislative function				
14.5	Oversight function				
14.6	Debates surrounding Congress				
Chapter 3: US Presidency					
15.1	Formal sources of presidential power				
15.2	Informal sources of presidential power				
15.3	Executive Office of the President				
15.4	Limits on the President's power				
15.5	Foreign Policy				
15.6	Debates surrounding the President				
Chapter 4: US Supreme Court and civil rights					
16.1	Nature and role of the Supreme Court				
16.2	The appointment process for the Supreme Court				
16.3	The Supreme Court and public policy				
16.4	Protection of civil rights				
16.5	Race and rights				
16.6	Debates surrounding the Supreme Court and rights				
Chapter 5: US Democracy and participation					
17.1	Presidential elections				
17.2	The Democratic Party				
17.3	The Republican Party				
17.4	Interest Groups				
17.5	Debates surrounding US democracy and participation				
Chapter 6: Comparative theories					
18.1	Rational, cultural and structural theory				
18.2	UK vs US Constitution				
18.3	Parliament vs Congress				
18.4	Prime Minister vs President				
18.5	UK vs US Supreme Court and civil rights				
18.6	UK vs US democracy and participation				

Revision Checklist – Paper 3B (Comparative Politics – Global)

Topic		Notes	😊	😐	😞
Chapter 1: The State and Globalisation					
13.1	The nation-state and national sovereignty				
13.2	Globalisation				
13.3	Impact of globalisation				
13.4	Poverty, human rights, environment and conflict				
13.5	How realists and liberals view globalisation				
Chapter 2: Political and Economic Global Governance					
14.1	The United Nations				
14.2	NATO				
14.3	The IMF and World Bank				
14.4	The WTO, G7 and G21				
14.5	Poverty, human rights, environment and conflict				
14.6	How realists and liberals view Pol & Eco GG				
Chapter 3: Human Rights and Environmental Global Governance					
15.1	The ICJ, ICC, ECHR and UN tribunals				
15.2	The impact of the ICJ, ICC, ECHR and UN tribunals				
15.3	The UNFCCC				
15.4	Climate conferences				
15.5	Role and significance of the IPCC				
15.6	Poverty, human rights, environment and conflict				
15.7	How realists and liberals view HR & env GG				
Chapter 4: Power and Developments					
16.1	Types of power				
16.2	State classifications (superpower, emerging, great)				
16.3	Polarity				
16.4	Different systems of government				
16.5	Spread of liberal values				
16.6	Poverty, human rights, environment and conflict				
16.7	How realists and liberals view power				
Chapter 5: Regionalism and the EU					
17.1	Forms of regionalism				
17.2	USMCA, the AU, ASEAN and the Arab League				
17.3	Factors that led to the EU				
17.4	Significance of the EU				
17.5	How realists and liberals view regionalism				
Chapter 6: Comparative theories					
18.1	Ideas of realism				
18.2	Ideas of liberalism				
18.3	Divisions between realists and liberals				
18.4	The anarchical society and society of states				
18.5	How realists and liberals explain recent political developments				