

POLITICS

Subject title	Politics
Exam board	Edexcel
Specification number	9PLO
Time allowance each week	4 hours Yr 12 5Hours Yr13

The aims of are:

- To develop students' interest in, appreciation and knowledge of government and politics
- To teach students how the British Political system works and how other political systems work.
- To provide students' critical awareness of the nature of politics and the relationship between political ideas, institutions and processes.
- To enable students to study a wide range of contemporary issues and news stories.
- To develop students' research, analytical and communication skills.

A Level Content

Component 1: UK Politics

Written examination: 2 hours

33½ % of the qualification

84 marks

Content overview

1. Political Participation, students will study:

- democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media.

2. Core Political Ideas, students will study:

- conservatism, liberalism, socialism.

Assessment overview

Section A: Political Participation

One 30-mark questions from a choice of two (each question is based on a quote) – students

must complete one of these. Plus one 30-mark question from a choice of two – students must complete one of these.

All questions assess AO1, AO2 and AO3.

Section B: Core Political Ideas

One 24-mark question from a choice of two, which assesses AO1, AO2 and AO3.

Component 2: UK Government

Written examination: 2 hours

33⅓ % of the qualification

84 marks

Content overview

1. UK Government, students will study:

- the constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and executive, relationships between the branches.

2. Optional Political Ideas, students will study:

- one idea: nationalism.

Assessment overview

Section A: UK Government

One 30-mark questions from a choice of two (each question is based on a quote) – students

must complete one of these. Plus one 30-mark question from a choice of two – students must

complete one of these.

All questions assess AO1, AO2 and AO3.

Section B: Optional Political Ideas

One 24-mark question from a choice of two, which assesses AO1, AO2 and AO3.

Component 3: Comparative Politics

Written examination: 2 hours

33⅓ % of the qualification

84 marks

Students study USA

Content overview

For USA (3A), students will study:

- the US Constitution and federalism, US congress, US presidency, US Supreme Court, democracy and participation, civil rights.

Assessment overview for 3A and 3B

Section A

One 12-mark question from a choice of two, which assesses AO1 and AO2.

Section B

One compulsory 12-mark question based on a source, which assesses AO1 and AO2.

Section C

Two 30-mark questions from a choice of three, which assesses AO1, AO2 and AO3.