

St Bede's Catholic College

Year 11 into 12 Transition Work

Politics



A Level Politics

Exam board: Edexcel

Course length: 2 Years

Specification – Google Edexcel Politics specification pdf

Latest changes - <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/news-policy/subject-updates/government-and-politics/as-and-a-level-politics-specification-changes.html>

Exam structure: The course is comprised of three major sections, or components. Each one has a corresponding 2 hour, 84 mark exam paper and is worth 1/3 of the overall final grade awarded. Please note, in Component 2, from the 'non-core political ideologies' options students at St. Bede's will be studying Nationalism. In Component 3, Comparative Politics, students will be studying the Global Politics syllabus.

Component 1: UK Politics (*Component code: 9PL0/01)

Written examination: 2 hours

33%% 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 question from a choice of two (each question uses a source) – 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 (*Component code: 9PL0/02:)

Written examination: .2

*hours 33½% 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. Non- core political ideas, students will study:

- one idea from the following: anarchism, ecologism, feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism.

Assessment overview**Section A: UK****Government**

- One 30-mark question from a choice of two (each question uses a source) - 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 A01, A02 and A03.

Section e: Non-core Political Ideas

- One 24-mark question from a choice of two, which assesses A01, A02 and A03.

Component 3: Comparative Politics (*Component code: 9PL0/3B)

Written examination: 2. hours

33.½% of the qualification

84 marks

Students studye Global (9PL0/3B)

Content overview

Global Politics(3b) students will study:

- sovereignty and globalisation, global governance: political and economic, global governance: human rights and environmental, power and developments, regionalism and the European Union, comparative theories.

Assessment overview for 3A and 3B**Section A**

- One 12-mark question from a choice of two, which assesses A01 and A02.

Section B

- One compulsory 12-mark question focused on comparative theories, which assesses A01 and A02.

Section C

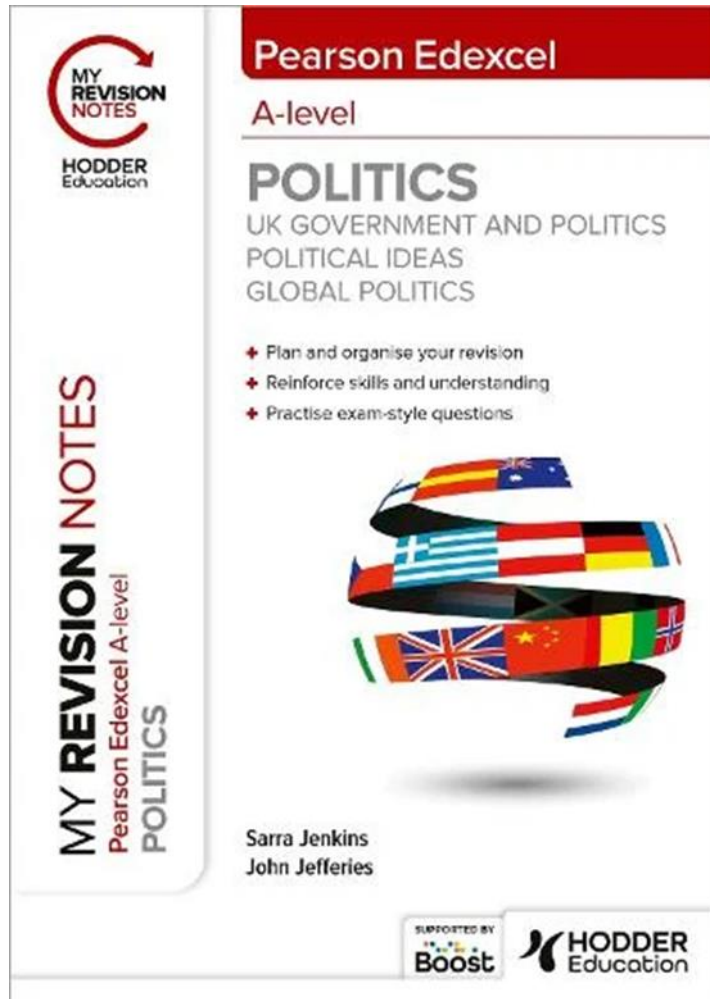
- Two 30-mark questions from a choice of three, which assess A01, A02 and A03.

Sample/past papers:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/exams/past-papers.html?Qualification-Family=International-Advanced-Level>

Useful textbooks students can buy if they wish:

Edexcel Revision Guide and Workbook, Pearson



My Revision Notes: Pearson Edexcel A-level Politics: UK Government and Politics, Political Ideas and Global Politics Paperback – 25 Aug. 2023

by Sara Jenkins (Author), John Jefferies (Author)

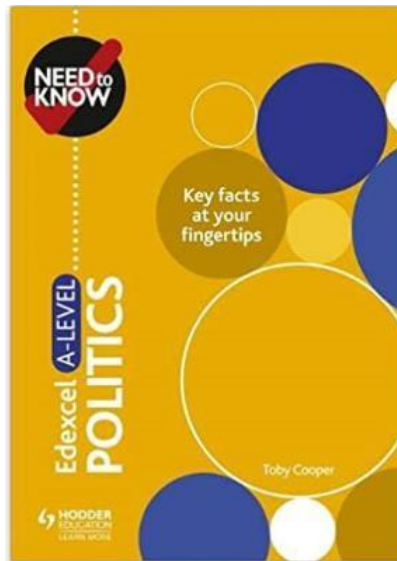
<https://www.google.com/search?q=My+Revision+Notes%3A+Pearson+Edexcel+Alevel+Politics%3A+UK+Government+and+Politics%2C+Political+Ideas+and+Global+Politics>

Aiming for an A in Politics by Sarra Jenkins



A level Politics UK Revision: Detailed Plans, Exemplar Questions & Sources: Edexcel Component 1&2 Paperback – 4 Oct. 2023

Need to Know: Edexcel A-level Politics by Toby Cooper



Useful online & print media

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics>

<https://twitter.com/bbclaurak>

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/>

<https://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/about-us>

<https://www.private-eye.co.uk/>

<https://www.economist.com>

Prospect magazine

Private Eye Magazine

The Economist

Financial Times

<https://www.ft.com/uk-politics>

Preparatory podcasts/lectures/tutorials:

'FT UK Politics Podcast'

'Today in Parliament', *BBC Radio 4*

'Political Thinking with Nick Robinson', *BBC Radio 4*

My Top 10 Podcasts for A Level Politics Contemporary Examples - 2022-23

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bjo_pcl6X0

The A level Politics Podcast

Mr Patel UK and Global News

Listen on Apple

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-a-level-politics-podcast/id1048464125>

Politics teaching for Teachers and Students

<https://politicsteaching.com/podcasts/uk-podcasts/the-a-level-politics-podcast/>

"The Rest is Politics"

Rory Stewart * Alistair Campbell

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=rory+stewart+alastair+campbell

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wgBDGqkqmw&list=PL6DY9psvTXR_MIxyq7SmAJgv1o9GN-4N

Andrew Marr LBC Radio Politics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-Tkw-ePJ-w&t=5s>

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<https://www.youtube.com/@LearningAcademy1>

TASK1

1. Is there a UK Political Party that you think YOU would vote for?
2. Is there a Political Party that you definitely would NOT vote for – explain why?
3. Why would you support them?
4. What political issues are important to YOU?
5. Should England have its own Parliament- explain your answer?
6. Should Scotland go Independent – explain why?
7. Was BREXIT a triumph or a disaster (or neither!) Explain your answer?

8.

Task 2: Find out who your MP is. <https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>

1. What constituency do you live in?
2. What constituency does your MP represent?
3. What political party are they a member of? Do they have any additional roles of responsibility?
4. How long have they been an MP?
5. Have they just been re elected?
6. What is your general opinion of British politicians?

Task 3

Watch all these- then answers the question *

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=If61baWF4GE>

Why Russia is Invading Ukraine? 31.55

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDN-DtJMs4Y>

A Brief History Of Ukraine (And Why Russia Wants To Control It) 18.28m

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zveUHZCvrzc>

Why Is Vladimir Putin So Obsessed with Ukraine? 10.25

***Task-** Answer this **“So WHY does Putin want to control Ukraine?”**

This should take a minimum of one side of A4

Consider-

- Any historical reasons/ background for the invasion?
- The invasion -What’s in it for Russia?
- Was the invasion justified?
- What is in it for Putin personally?
- What could happen to Putin if Russia is beaten in Ukraine?
- Give evidence from the documentaries or your own research to justify your claims?

A documentary you may be interested to watch is -

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/20-days-in-mariupol>

Ukraine war film 20 Days in Mariupol Eyewitness documentary shot by war reporter Mstyslav Chernov during the Russian siege of the Ukrainian city.

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