Politics GCE Revision Timetable 2025

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Week Commencing	Content to Cover USA Paper 3 Later Ideologies Paper 1 and 2	Content to Cover UK Gov Paper 2 Later UK Politics Paper 1	Completed?
17 th Feb 2025 This is half term week so you should be covering more revision than a normal school week	 The US Constitution Make a diagram of the checks and balances between branches of the government Make flashcards of the Bill of Rights and all the Clauses and their definitions Make a detailed plan for the following 12 mark questions: 1. Examine the ways the US and UK Constitutions are similar 2. Examine how federalism in the USA differs from devolution in the UK 3. Examine the key differences between the US and UK Constitutions Explain which model of comparative theory best explains the differences between the US and UK Constitutions- explain your ideas. The US Constitution Make a table of strengths and weaknesses of the amendment process Make a comparative table of features of the US and UK Constitutions Plan out the following 30 mark question:	Current UK Constitution Make a spider diagram on the UK Constitution, including: What form does the UK constitution take? (Entrenched? Unentrenched?) What are the sources of our constitution? (Common law? Statute law? What are the principles of our constitution? (Parliamentary Sovereignty? Rule of Law?) Constitutional reforms in past 30 years and impact of them Make three separate tables on the three periods of constitutional reform. 1997 – 2010 - Labour 2010 – 2015 - Coalition 2015 – Present – Conservative e.g Elections Act, Article 50 etc For each you need to know: Key changes made under the gov Strengths of the reform Weaknesses of the reform Weaknesses of the reform Weaknesses of the reform Consider the history of devolution, why a devolved parliament was introduced, when and why have powers been extended/reformed? Make a table comparing the legislative and financial powers of the devolved parliaments. Scotland Wales Northern Ireland What powers are reserved at West Minster Devolution in England Make notes on: What powers are devolved to regions? (e.g. Mayors?)	
24 th Feb 2025	 The U\$ Congress Quiz yourself on the powers of the houses of Congress- can you match them all to the correct house? Explain why incumbency benefits representatives running for election Make flashcards of all your key words for Congress Examine how the US Congress and UK Parliament are limited in different ways Examine the ways in which the legislative process in the US and UK are different Examine the ways in which representation in both the US and UK have been criticised. Examine the ways in which the US House of Representatives differs from the UK House of Commons. Watch all the videos on Its Learning on the US Congress and make notes. How effectively can Congress carry out its 3 functions? 1. Legislation, 2. Oversight, 3. Representation You need x3 arguments on both sides of the argument with evidence, Make a spider diagram on the four different types of committees, their functions and examples of their work-you can try and link this to work on other topics e.g. Senate Judiciary committee- nominations to Supreme Court or the work on the Jan 6th select committee. 	 Why has regional devolution been slower/rejected? Hew well does Parliament fulfil it role? Create a spider diagram on how successful Parliament is at fulfilling the following roles: Legislation (including process that bills go through. Representation Recruiting Ministers Legitimacy. Draw a table comparing the structure and roles of the Houses of Commons and Lords Draw another table comparing the powers of the Commons and the Lords. Highlight key differences of each chamber and assess where the Lords is more dominant and where the Commons has more power. (e.g. Salisbury Convention) How does the Legislative interact with the executive? \$crutiny How does Parliament Scrutinise the executive: Back Benchers Opposition Committees Use of questioning Create a table of for and against arguments as to whether Parliament DOES sufficiently scrutinise the executive or now WITH evidence to prove points. 	

3 rd March 2025	 Explain the similarities and differences between the way in which committees operate in Congress and Parliament CASE Study: Congressional mid-term elections-Research the 2018 and 2022 midterm elections and find out how this changed the following: The makeup of the House/ Senate The Presidency- include evidence of further oversight/ checks and balances/ barriers to success for POTUS as a result Presidency Make a detailed mindmap of all the formal 	How does the Legislative interact with the executive?	
	 powers of the PRESIDENT with examples of each from the past 5 Presidents (Clinton-Biden) Make flashcards of all the key words for US Presidency with definitions on the back – use your glossary to make sure you get them all Explain how effectively the President uses his informal sources of power e.g. Cabinet by referring to examples from the past 5 Presidents Which of the following has the largest impact on policy making in the USA: The Cabinet EXOD Explain your answer using examples and case studies. Which is more powerful in foreign policy? Congress or POTUS? Make a comparative table with examples of treaties, war powers and other case studies e.g. JCPOA 	How does Parliament Scrutinise the executive: - Back Benchers - Opposition - Committees - Use of questioning Create a table of for and against arguments as to whether Parliament DOES sufficiently scrutinise the executive or now WITH evidence to prove points.	
10 th March 2025	Presidency Plan out the following 12 mark question answers: 1. Examine the ways in which US Presidents and UK Prime Ministers may seek to influence legislation 2. Examine the ways in which the roles of the US President and the UK Prime Minister are different Review your graphs of the Presidents and their power-which factors are the most important in strengthening the power of the President? Explain using examples Which factors are the most important in reducing the power of the President? Explain using examples. Watch the videos on Its Learning on the	What powers does the PM have? e.g. prerogative What makes a powerful PM? Factors affecting power: PM style and personality The Cabinet The Party Size of Majority Popularity of PM Media Pressure of events Explain how each of the above can STRENGTHEN or WEAKEN a PM.	
17 th March 2025	The Presidency Make flashcards on each POTUS since 1992 and their key policies, successes and failures Make a mindmap of factors which can affect success of Presidents with specific examples eg national events How powerful is the POTUS in relation to other branches of government? Include examples of Congress and SCOTUS challenging Presidency	PM Case Studies REMEMBER you need at least one PM PRE-1997 and one PM POST-1997. However, questions will indicate they want at least 3 PMS in each Q. Create Case Studies of PMs who do well and not so well against each of the below factors: PM style and personality The Cabinet The Party Size of Majority Popularity of PM Media Pressure of events	
24 th March 2025	Supreme Court USA Create a spider diagram on the role and composition of the Supreme Court. What are the key operating principles of the Supreme court? E.g. neutrality/independence.	Supreme Court UK Create a spider diagram on the role and composition of the Supreme Court. What are the key operating principles of the Supreme court? E.g. neutrality/independence.	

	 What is judicial review? Strengths and weaknesses of nomination process including examples? CASE STUDIES Make a spider diagram of the role and powers of the Supreme Court including Judicial review which has developed because of convention. Make flashcards on key case studies on the following: Abortion rights Gay rights Affirmative Action Voting Rights Gun rights Free speech Campaign finance 	What is judicial review? Supreme Court UK Create a table of arguments regarding how neutral and independent the Supreme Court is. Create spider diagram on how influential the Supreme Court is with examples of when it has/has not been influential.	
31st March 2025	Supreme Court USA Create a comparative table of arguments regarding how neutral and independent the Supreme Court is. Create spider diagram on how influential the Supreme Court is in policy making with examples of when it has/has not been influential. Link these	Supreme Court UK Case Studies Make notes on all case studies including how SCOTUK has upheld defended rights, acted as a check on government power, upheld constitution Make a debate table on to what extent Supreme Court UK is too powerful	
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7 th April 2025 EASTER WEEK 1 -Extra content this week	 Make a spider diagram of the role and powers of the Supreme Court including Judicial review which has developed because of convention. Judicial activism vs Judicial restraint arguments and criticisms of BOTH with examples Make sure you have made flashcards of key cases to learn e.g. DC v Heller, Roe v Wade and Dobbs v Jackson Womens board health, Brown v Board, Obergefell v Hodges, Shelby County v Holder, Citizens utd v FEC etc SUPREME COURT/ CIVIL RIGHTS Make notes on the extent to which Civil Rights have been protected and upheld by the Court including overturning of unconstitutional laws and forcing states to change policy Study of voting rights landmark cases, affirmative action and increased representation- was it the Constitution, Supreme Court or Campaigners who achieved these breakthroughs? Watch all the videos on the Supreme Court/ To what extent has racial equality been realised in USA? Arguments for/ against 	Create a spider diagram on: • The aims of the EU • The Role of the EU in policy making The impact of the EU on the UK political system (examples) The 2016 Referendum and Impact on Sovereignty including Article 50 Treaties UK had previously made and impact e.g. Maastricht, Lisbon Sovereignty • Ensure you know the difference between legal and political sovereignty. • Create an annotated diagram showing the way sovereignty has moved between the different branches of gov. Evaluate where sovereignty lies now.	
14 th April 2025 EASTER WEEK 2 Extra content this week	US SUPREME COURT/ CIVIL RIGHTS How has the Supreme Court protected/eroded immigrants rights? Plan out answers to the 12 mark questions below using full argument and evidence Examine the ways in which interest groups in the USA are more effective at protecting civil rights than pressure groups in the UK. Analyse how independent the Supreme Courts are in the USA and the UK. (Comp theory) Analyse how independent the Supreme Courts are in the USA and the UK (Comp theory) BLECTIONS AND DEMOCRACY Make a spider diagram of eligibility criteria for running for the Presidency	UK Paper 1 Democracy 1. Background of Democracy is the UK • How well are we represented in the UK? - What are the different types of representation in the UK? (constituency, social, etc) - How well are people's ideologies and minority groups represented? • How legitimate is our government? - Is our government always given a sufficient mandate to rule? Examples? • Can we hold our government to account? - What are the different ways we can hold our government to account? - Do these always work? Examples? • Is there a participation crisis in the UK?	

Do people vote? If not, why not? Watch the video on Presidential election How else are people participating in process and make a flow chart of the various stages to getting the Party nomination to the Whitehouse Create a spider diagram around the Evaluate strengths and weaknesses of the big question of 'How Democratic is primary process/ elections process including the UK?' Then add 4 arm; around all stages e..g Invisible Primary our 4 pillars of democracy: Make a separate flow chart to explain how representation, legitimacy, Congressional elections work accountability, participation. Add U\$ ELECTION\$ AND DEMOCRACY evidence around each to show that it How have reforms to election campaign is and is not sufficient in the UK finances improved the process? Include key (with real political examples!) Supreme Court cases Does the UK need reform? What is the case for further reform? Direct vs Representative Democracy. Party Ideology and Ideas- Make an A3 table Do you understand the difference comparing policies of the Republicans and between these two types of democracy? Democrats on: Economic Policy, Education, Health and Welfare and Foreign Policy Can you explain the benefits and Identify on the table any factional conflicts drawbacks of each and apply them to the and highlight them e.g. the progressive wing (the Squad) vs the Conservative wing-link Create a for and against table for Direct and some high profile politicians to the factional Representative Democracy. views. Where is power located in Parties and how has this changed in recent years? EG looking at the pro-Trump faction in the Republicans and how this has changed the party case studies of Liz Cheney, Mitt Romney and Adam Kinzinger etc. 21st April 2025 30 mark Qs....are you ready? Pressure Groups and Other **USA Mock** Evaluate the extent to which the Supreme **Organisations Exam FRIDAY** Court is now an 'imperial judiciary'. Functions, purpose and how they Evaluate the view that the US Constitution influence Politics: ensures that civil rights are effectively Pressure Groups, Think Tanks, protected by the Supreme Court. Lobbyists (Professional) and Evaluate the extent to which racial equality Corporations has been advanced in the 21st century. Create a profile on each of these types of Evaluate the view that the effective working organisations with a few case studies for of the US Constitution depends more on each and examples of how they have interest groups than the Supreme Court influenced political change. Evaluate the view that presidential How do PG; and other organisations appointments to the Supreme Court ensure it impact on UK politics? is a political body rather than a judicial one. How democratic are PGs? Evaluate the view that the President/ Make a spider diagram of reasons why executive is the most powerful branch of some pressure groups are more successful government than others using all the factors e.g. Evaluate the view that Congress has failed in finances, ideology, access/prof lobbyists its representative function etc, strength of opposition group. Make Evaluate the view that Congress is a broken sure you include MODERN examples Think about whether PGs are elitist or Evaluate the view that the US Constitution pluralist. prevents the effective government of the How successful/influential are PGs? USA Think about how we categorise PGs (insider/outsider, etc). Think about why some PG are more likely to be successful than others. Think about the different types of methods (why might some alienate the government/public?) Think about the different ways PGs can get access to the government (devolution, etc). Use your colour code on Pluralism v Elitism to make a table of arguments about the extent to which Think Tanks, Lobbyists and Pressure Groups enhance democracy/ pluralism or enhance elitism due to the nature of those which are successful vs are not. 28th April 2025 Liberalism Right; in Context UK What are the Core Values of Liberalism? What key legislation is there to help protect rights in the UK? Make a spider diagram What are the different sections within

Liberalism?

Who are the Key Thinkers within Liberalism?

How does each law uphold rights?

laws in play?

What case studies are there of these

- How does all of the above apply to their beliefs surrounding:
 - Individuals
 - Society
 - State
 - Economy

How far do the different sections/thinkers agree or disagree on each?

- How well does the UK government/ Parliament protect rights?
 - How have governments committed themselves to protecting rights?
 - What evidence do we have of them successfully/unsuccessfully doing this?
- How well are rights protected in the UK?
- What other organisations are committed to helping protect rights in the UK?

What are the Pros and Cons of protecting collective rights against individual rights?

Which are better protected in UK? Collective or Individual rights? Make a table of arguments with evidence/ examples including Shamima Begum, Assisted Dying Bill, Abortion rights, remember IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS ARE NOT UK CITIZENS therefore not valid examples for Qs with this in title.

5th May 2025 May Day bank holiday

Contervation

- What are the Core Values of Conservatism?
- What are the different sections within Conservatism?
- Who are the Key Thinkers within Conservatism?
- How does all of the above apply to their beliefs surrounding:
 - Individuals
 - Society
 - State
 - Economy

How far do the different sections/thinkers agree or disagree on each?

Make flash cards, plan essays. Socialism

- What are the Core Values of Socialism?
- What are the different sections within Socialism?
- Who are the Key Thinkers within Socialism?
- How does all of the above apply to their beliefs surrounding:
 - Individuals
 - Society
 - State
 - Economy

How Far has the ideology of major political parties changed?

- For each party you should know:
 - Their ideologies and any changes within these (e.g. impact of Cameron and Blair)
 - Key leaders and their manifestos
 - Any key factions within the parties?
- Conservatives:
 - New Right Conservatism
 - One Nation Conservatism
 - Key people Thatcher, Cameron, May, Johnson and Sunak (Truss for Iols)
- Labour:
 - Traditional socialist values
 - The Third Way (Blair)
 - Key people Blair, Corbyn, Starmer.

Create a timeline for each party showing different leaders attitude towards major policy, such as economy, foreign affairs, welfare, environment, etc. Also include any policy which does not align with traditional party ideologies (e.g. Cameron and same sex marriage goes against traditionalism of Conservatism, Blair didn't work closely with trade unions, despite Labour being founded on working class vote. Show trends and shifts between different leaders and contextual reasons for these.

- What are the ideologies of the Lib Dems?
- What ideologies do they share with the two major parties?
- Key People Nick Clegg, Jo Swinson, Ed Davey

To what extent have MINOR parties played a role in UK Politics? Maake a debate table of for/ against arguments including, elections/ results, referendums, policies/ manifestos and changes to constitution e.g. BREXIT

- -Why are Some Parties more successful than others? Make a spider diagram with reasons/ importance for each factor with examples:
- -Leader
- -Campaign
- -Media
- -National events
- -Economy

12th May 2025 Last week to complete UK Poli Revision!

Debate on Party funding in UK: Should party funding be reformed? Make a table of arguments for/ against! Make sure you know the RULES on party funding.

How fit for purpose is FPTP?

- Create a table of advantages and disadvantages of FPTP.
 - Ensure these are evidenced with REAL stats from recent elections.
 - Remember wider issues like safe seats and tactical voting.

What are the theories around voting behaviour?

- Rational Choice Voting:
 - What are the demographic voting trends?
 - Key example of them in play (e.g. increase in women voting for Labour in 1997)
- Single Issue Voting:
 - How can single issues dominate an election?
 - Key example of them in play (e.g. BREXIT!)
- Valence Voting ('competence' voting):

	- How good is it representation wise? Does it create legitimate governments? Voting systems around the UK • What other voting systems are used in the UK? Majoritarian Voting Systems: (AV- now no longer used for PCC/ Mayor) - Which elections use plurality voting systems? - Which elections in the UK use Plurality voting systems? - What are the pros and cons of Plurality voting systems? - Case studies of key election results to justify pros and cons. Proportional Voting Systems: - Which elections use proportional voting systems? - Which elections in the UK use Proportional voting systems? - What are the pros and cons of Proportional voting systems? - Case studies of key election results to justify pros and cons. Hybrid Voting Systems - Which elections use hybrid voting systems? - Which elections in the UK use Hybrid voting systems? - Which elections in the UK use Hybrid voting systems? - What are the pros and cons of Hyrbid voting systems? - What are the pros and cons of Hyrbid voting systems? Remember it is meant to be best of both systems and eliminate weaker aspects. - Case studies of key election results to justify pros and cons. History of Referendums in UK Make a spider diagram for: Devolution Refs 1997-1999 AV 2011 Scottish Independence 2014 EU membership 2016 Include: Why held (all reasons) Outcome/ voter turnout Changes since? Aims achieved? Failures?	- When is valence voting mostly likely to come into play? - How do we judge parties/leaders under valence voting? - Key example of them in play (e.g. who best to run country after recession?) • Dominant Ideology: - Which dominant forces can be influential? - What impact does the media have? - Who is most likely to be influenced by different types of media? What do voting theories look like in practise? Create case studies for each voting model/theory. Explain what each is, the factors it must consider. Evidence the importance of each with examples of voting stats and trends which do support each and examples when elections have gone against these suggested trends. REMEMBER YOU NEED 3 CASE STUDIES OF ELECTIONS — 1997, one pre-1997 and one post-1997! Recommended Elections: 1979 1992 (Sun wot won it) 1997 (essential) 2010 (first for tv debates, Clegg mania etc) 2017 Corbyn Mania/ May bot- good for TV appeal/ charisma of leaders etc 2019 Johnson win 2024 a great valance example- Tories got hammered for poor record on economy and immigration etc plus rise of Reform FPTP issues etc.	
19 th May 2025 Actual Paper 1 Exam 20 th May! Good Luck! 26 th May 2025 HALF TERM extra content this week ready for Paper 2 and 3	Make sure you have gone over all past paper Qs and sources- reviewed technique, learned key words and case studies and up to date political examples for everything CHRIS SKIDMORE IS NOT A PERVERT!!! Neil Parish and Peter Bone and Chris Pincher are! Feminism What are the Core Values of Feminism? What are the different sections within Feminism? Who are the Key Thinkers within Feminism? How does all of the above apply to their boliofs surrounding.	Once Paper 1 is done on Tues- go back to Paper 2 because it is not far off!! Case studies and past paper questions Case studies and past paper questions/ key words	
	beliefs surrounding: - Individuals - Society - State - Economy How far do the different sections/thinkers agree or disagree on each? Make flash cards, plan essays.		

2 nd June 2025	Once paper 2 is done go back to USA because it is	U\$ ELECTION\$ AND DEMOCRACY
Actual Paper 2 UK Government on 5 th June good luck!	very close! Case studies and past paper questions/ key words	 How have reforms to election campaign finances improved the process? Include key Supreme Court cases What is the case for further reform? Party Ideology and Ideas- Make an A3 table comparing policies of the Republicans and Democrats on: Economic Policy, Education, Health and Welfare and Foreign Policy Identify on the table any factional conflicts and highlight them e.g. the progressive wing (the Squad) vs the Conservative wing- link some high profile politicians to the factional views. Where is power located in Parties and how has this changed in recent years? EG looking at the pro-Trump faction in the Republicans and how this has changed the party case studies of Liz Cheney, Mitt Romney and Adam Kinzinger etc. Learn one Presidential election since 2000 and study factors affecting voting behaviour – race, religion, gender and education. As well as media and campaigning, Presidential debates and campaign funds. Role and power of interest groups including case studies for a range of issues/ causes/ sections of society
9 th June 2025 Actual Paper 3 USA Politics on 10 th June good luck!	Past Paper Questions USA Include comparative government and theory Qs. Complete your planning grids for both	

Now celebrate your awesomeness!! You survived ALevels! Now your head is filled with enough political trivia to vote well, win any debate and master the art of the pub quiz!