

Government & Politics

Practice Questions

Edexcel Unit 1



Instructions

Individual, exam-style questions

The questions contained in this booklet match the style of questions that are typically asked in exams. This booklet is not however, a practice exam. Elevate's research with top students identified that top students do more practice questions than anyone else. They begin the process of testing their knowledge early in the year.

Therefore, we have provided exam-format questions that are sorted by topic so that you can answer them as you learn the information, rather than waiting until the very end of the year to complete exams.

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In an exam, students are asked to select 1 set of 5,10 and 25 mark questions out of 4 sets givens.

5 Mark Questions

1. Define Direct Democracy
2. With Examples, Explain the Difference between an Insider and Outsider pressure group
3. Define Proportional Representation
4. Using Examples, Explain the difference between an a Sectional and promotional Pressure group
5. Define Adversary politics using examples
6. Give three different types of elections held in the UK
7. Using an example, describe what a mandate is
8. Describe Two functions of a political party
9. Describe Two functions of a pressure group
10. Explain what the terms Pluralism means

10 Mark Questions

1. Describe how the Conservative party has moved away from Thatcher Politics
2. What are the Three functions of a political party?
3. Using examples, Explain three different types of Pressure Groups
4. Describe Three different Forms of electoral systems, using examples
5. Explain three advantages of proportional representation
6. Give three ways in which pressure groups Promote Political participation
7. What are three strengths of the “First Past The Post” system?
8. In what ways is the modern Labour party connected to Socialism?
9. Give three forms of democratic participation
10. In what ways do pressure groups exert power on political powers?

25 Mark Questions

1. To What extent do pressure groups promote political participation in the UK
2. To what extent does the modern Conservative party adhere to “One Nation” principles
3. To what extent are the UK Major political parties, internally, in consensus over policies
4. To what extent are the Major UK political parties in consensus politics
5. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of different electoral systems used in the UK
6. To what extent is the Labour party still committed to its traditional principles
7. Discuss the arguments in favour of a heightened use of direct democracy in the UK
8. Discuss the arguments for and against reforming the Westminster electoral system
9. Discuss the pros and cons of three reforms that could extend political participation and strengthen accountability
10. To what extent does the UK political system conform to Liberal Democratic Principles