

# Government & Politics

## Practice Questions

A Level



# 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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# 15 mark questions

*In an exam students have to choose 3 from 4 (15) mark Questions and then 1 from 3 (45) mark questions*

1. Summarise the key arguments for and against environmental taxation in the UK
2. Does a political consensus exist on law and Order policies in the UK today?
3. Why has the issue of pensions become a major political issue?
4. Why has prison population risen so much in recent years?
5. Explain how governments since 1997 have used tax and welfare policies to relieve poverty.
6. Explain the strategies since 1997 to reduce unemployment
7. How, and to what extent, has the Conservative Party's approach to law and order changed in recent years?
8. Explain the arguments for and against airport expansion in the UK
9. How similar are Labour and Conservative tax policies
10. Analyse the advantages and disadvantages of increasing the numbers of students in higher education
11. How and why has the principle that health care should be provided 'free at the point of delivery' been under threat?
12. Explain the arguments for and against the wider use of custodial sentences and longer prison terms.
13. To what extent has the conservative party become a 'green' party?
14. Explain the arguments in favour of directly elected Police commissioners
15. How and why has the coalition government tried to reform the benefits system?
16. Why were the coalition's government's policies on policing so controversial?
17. To what extent would the UK benefit from the High Speed Rail Link (HS2)?
18. How and why have governments since 1997 sought to bring the private sector into the NHS?
19. Why and how have recent governments encouraged schools to become academies?
20. Why would a newly elected government find it difficult to reduce a budget deficit?
21. What is economic globalisation, and how does it affect policy-making in the UK?

22. Explain the arguments for and against the expansion of wind power
23. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of universal welfare benefits
24. Why have governments made limited progress in reforming the banking system and how it operates?
25. What is quantitative easing, and why is it so controversial?

# 45 mark questions

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*Questions and then 1 from 3 (45) mark questions*

1. To what extent was economic policy since 1997 successfully managed by New Labour?
2. Has increased government spending improved the UK welfare state since 1997?
3. ‘The introduction of target-setting in health and education has failed to improve standards’ Discuss.
4. ‘Government Policies since 1997 have been very successful in reducing crime’ Discuss.
5. The Labour government’s response to the economic crisis of 2008 was reckless and irresponsible’ Discuss.
6. To What extent have Law and Order policies, in recent years, eroded traditional freedoms in the UK?
7. ‘The UK government has failed to meet the challenge of climate change’ Discuss
8. ‘In recent years, there is more rhetoric than substance in the disagreements between major UK parties over the budget deficit’ Discuss.
9. How effective have governments since 1997 been in tackling environmental challenges?
10. ‘Austerity has been a painful but correct response to the economic situation since 2010’ Discuss.
11. ‘David Cameron’s Conservative party have placed too much emphasis on renewable energy’ Discuss.
12. How successful have governments since 1997 been at tackling crime?
13. ‘Prison doesn’t work’ Discuss.
14. ‘Civil liberties have been maintained by law and Order policies since 1997’ Discuss
15. ‘The Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition revolutionised the education system’ Discuss.