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# KS5 POLITICS

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## PERSONAL LEARNING CHECKLISTS

# Law

RAG Rate each section in the first column

Red = Not at all confident – needs major revision focus, Amber = requires more revision until confident. Green = Confident.

Use remaining columns to colour code when you have revised and tested your knowledge and understanding over several weeks.

Key Idea	RAG					
<b>Paper 1 UK Government &amp; Politics Part One: UK Government</b>						
The nature and sources of the British Constitution						
1.1 Key Historical documents						
1.2 Sources of the constitution						
1.3 Nature of the constitution						
1.4 Constitutional reform since 1997						
1.5 Individual and collective rights in the UK						
The structure and role of Parliament						
2.1 Structure and role of the House of Commons						
2.2 Structure and role of the House of Lords						
2.3 Power of the House of Commons						
2.4 Power of the House of Lords						
2.5 The legislative process						
2.6 Theories of representation in parliament						
2.7 Committees						
2.8 Parliamentary scrutiny of the Executive						
The Prime Minister and cabinet						
3.1 Role and powers of the Prime Minister						
3.2 Role and powers of the Cabinet						
3.3 Policy making						
3.4 The Prime Minister-Cabinet relationship						
3.5 Individual & Collective Responsibility						
The judiciary						
4.1 Composition of the judiciary						
4.2 Appointments to the judiciary						

4.3 Structure and role of the Supreme Court						
4.4 Judicial independence and neutrality						
4.5 Key Supreme Court cases						
Devolution						
5.1 Role, and responsibilities of devolved bodies						
5.2 Devolution in England						
5.3 Devolution in Scotland						
5.4 Devolution in Northern Ireland						
5.5 Devolution in Wales						
5.6 Impact of devolution on UK government						
Paper 1 UK Government & Politics Part Two: UK Politics						
Democracy and Participation						
1.1 Direct and representative democracy						
1.2 Extending the franchise						
1.3 Participation crisis						
Elections and Referendums						
2.1 First Past the Post						
2.2 Additional Member System						
2.3 Supplementary Vote						
2.4 Single Transferable Vote						
2.5 Factors influencing voting behaviour						
2.6 1979 General Election						
2.7 1997 General Election						
2.8 2010 General Election						
2.9 Referenda						
2.10 Media influence						
Political Parties						
3.1 Ideas & development of the Conservatives						
3.2 Ideas & development of Labour						

3.3 Ideas & development of the Liberal Democrats						
3.4 Policy & structure of the three main parties						
3.5 Party funding						
3.6 Relationship with the media						
3.7 Factors affecting electoral outcomes						
3.8 Minor parties						
3.9 Party systems						
Pressure Groups						
4.1 Types of pressure groups						
4.2 Methods of pressure groups						
4.3 Influence of pressure groups						
4.4 Think tanks, lobbyists and corporations						
4.5 Pluralism						
The European Union						
5.1 Key institutions of the EU						
5.2 Aims and achievements of the EU						
5.3 Impact of the EU on UK politics						
5.4 Impact of the EU on UK policy						
5.5 Brexit						
Paper 2 US Government & Politics Part One						
The constitutional framework of US government						
1.1 Nature & significance of the Constitution						
1.2 Constitutional principles						
1.3 Separation of powers						
1.4 Checks and balances						
1.5 Federalism						
1.6 The amendment process						
1.7 Protection of civil liberties by the Constitution						
The legislative branch of government: Congress						

2.1 Structure & composition of Congress						
2.2 Functions & powers of Congress						
2.3 House of Representatives vs Senate						
2.4 The Committee System						
2.5 Voting in Congress						
2.6 Parties in Congress						
The executive branch of government: President						
3.1 Formal & informal powers of the president						
3.2 Sources of presidential power						
3.3 Limits on presidential power						
3.4 The president and foreign policy						
3.5 Relationship with other institutions						
3.6 Imperial presidency						
The judicial branch of government						
4.1 Composition of the Supreme Court						
4.2 Appointment to the Supreme Court						
4.3 Nature of judicial power						
4.4 The constitutional role of the Supreme Court						
4.5 Judicial review						
4.6 Landmark Supreme Court ruling						
4.7 Significance of the Supreme Court in policy making: example						
The electoral process and direct democracy						
5.1 The electoral system						
5.2 Presidential & congressional campaigns						
5.3 Candidate selection & nomination						
5.4 The electoral college						
5.5 Factors determining electoral outcomes						
5.6 Campaign finance						

5.7 Direct democracy						
5.8 Voting behaviour						
5.9 Split-ticket voting						
Political parties						
6.1 Divisions between the Republicans & Democrats						
6.2 Polarisation of the two main parties						
6.3 Party decline & resurgence						
6.4 Two-party dominance						
6.5 Third parties						
Pressure groups						
7.1 Pluralism in the USA						
7.2 Types of pressure groups						
7.3 Methods used by pressure groups						
7.4 Election funding						
7.5 Power of pressure groups						
Civil rights						
8.1 Protection of civil liberties						
8.2 Pressure groups' role in supporting rights						
8.3 Impact of civil rights on US politics: example						
Comparative Politics						
9.1 Structural, rational & cultural theory						
9.2 UK vs US Constitution						
9.3 Parliament vs Congress						
9.4 Prime Minister vs President						
9.5 Devolution vs Federal						
9.6 UK vs US electoral systems						
9.7 UK vs US pressure groups						
9.8 UK vs US civil rights						
Paper 3 Political Ideas						

Liberalism						
1.1 Origins & history of liberalism						
1.2 Core ideas & principles of liberalism						
1.3 Main types of liberalism						
1.4 Tensions within liberalism						
1.5 Liberal key thinkers						
Conservatism						
2.1 Origins & history of conservatism						
2.2 Core ideas & principles of conservatism						
2.3 Main types of conservatism						
2.4 Tensions within conservatism						
2.5 Conservative key thinkers						
Socialism						
3.1 Origins & history of socialism						
3.2 Core ideas & principles of socialism						
3.3 Main types of socialism						
3.4 Tensions within socialism						
3.5 Socialist key thinkers						
Nationalism						
4.1 Origins & history of Nationalism						
4.2 Core ideas & principles of Nationalism						
4.3 Main types of Nationalism						
4.4 Tensions within Nationalism						
4.5 Key thinkers of Nationalism						