

| Y12 Politics | | Curriculum Checkpoints | | | |
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| | | Developing | Securing | Mastering | Excelling |
| AO1 | You need to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of political institutions, processes, concepts, theories and issues. | You demonstrate limited knowledge and understanding of relevant political concepts, institutions and processes, with inaccuracies. | Some knowledge and understanding of relevant political concepts, institutions and processes used to support your points, although there are some inaccuracies and irrelevant material. | Generally sound knowledge and understanding of relevant political concepts, institutions and processes used to support your points, although inaccuracies are present. | Accurate knowledge and understanding of relevant political concepts, institutions and processes used to support analysis of the issue under discussion, although further detail may be required in places. |
| AO2 | You need to analyse aspects of politics and political information, including in relation to parallels, connections, similarities and differences. | Analysis takes the form of description and assertion, with little or no attempt at balance. Few if any synoptic links are offered. Your answers show little organisation and do not address the question. | Analysis takes the form of description in most places, with some attempt at balance, though many points are unsupported assertions. Synoptic links tend to be limited and undeveloped. Your answers show some organisation and make some attempts to address the question. | Analytical points are made and developed in places, showing some balance, though some points are descriptive rather than analytical. Synoptic links will be made, may be supported by examples, though explanation will lack depth. Your answers are organised, occasionally analytical and focused on the question. | Analysis is balanced and developed, although some elements of the analysis could be expanded and/or developed further. Synoptic links are relevant to the questions as set, and supported with examples. Your answers are well organised, analytical and focused on the question. |
| AO3 | You need to evaluate aspects of politics and political information, including to construct arguments, make substantiated judgements and draw conclusions. | Your conclusions, when offered, are asserted and have an implicit relationship to the preceding discussion. There is little or no evaluation of relevant perspectives. | You make some attempt to draw, but these lack depth and clear development from the preceding discussion. Relevant perspectives are identified, though evaluation is superficial. | Evaluation leads to conclusions that are consistent with the preceding discussion, but that lack substantiation. Relevant perspectives are commented on in the process of constructing | Evaluation leads to conclusions that show some substantiation and are consistent with the preceding discussion. Relevant perspectives are evaluated in the process of constructing |

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