

Year 12/13 Summer Independent Learning

Part 1: Paper 2 retrieval practice

Part 2: Paper 3 preview work

Part 3: Paper 1 retrieval practice



Part 1

Without looking back at your notes, answer the following questions about the UK political system. Then, in a different colour pen, fill in the gaps using your notes using your Paper 2 notes.

1. Outline three pieces of constitutional reform that have been undertaken since 2010

2. How effective has constitutional reform since 2010 been?

3. Create a flow diagram explaining the parliamentary lawmaking process

4. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the parliamentary law-making process?

-Strengths

-Weaknesses

5. Give 3 examples of the Cabinet showing its importance and influence over the prime minister:

6. Give 3 examples of the PM exercising control and influence over the Cabinet:

7. What impact has the EU had on the three main political parties in Britain?

-Conservatives

-Labour

-Liberal Democrats

8. How have each of the following effected parliamentary sovereignty in the UK?

-The EU-Devolution

-Human Rights Act 1998

-Referenda

Part 2: Read the following article

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/729708/us-election-2016-senate-house-of-representatives-political-system-explained-how-work>. Fill out the table

below with the key aspects and information about the role each branch of the US government plays. In the second column identify the parallel institution in the UK and add any similarities or differences that you have noticed in its organisation and powers. Use your knowledge of the UK system from Paper 2.

US Branches of Government–Organisation and Powers	UK Branches of Government-Key Similarities and Differences
The President (Executive)	
The Senate (Legislature)	

The Supreme Court (Judiciary)	

How democratic is the UK political system?

Core task: complete the table below.

Extended task: select a precise example to illustrate your explanation in the table.

Aiming for A: In a different colour in the table, where relevant, evaluate the measures that have been proposed for democratic renewal.

Feature of democracy	Arguments that it is democratic	Counter argument
Peaceful transition of power		
Free elections		
Fair elections		
Widespread participation		

Freedom of expression		
Freedom of association		
Protection of rights and liberties		
Limited government and constitutionalism		

