

Paper 3 Essay Practice Questions - 30 markers.

Unit 1:

Evaluate the view that the process for amending the US Constitution works well.

Evaluate the view that the US Constitution is now past its 'use-by' date.

Evaluate the view that the strengths of the US Constitution outweigh its weaknesses.

Evaluate the extent to which the US federal government nowadays does too much.

Unit 2:

Evaluate the view that the main way Congress fails in its functions is with representation.

Evaluate the view that political parties are the most significant factor on voting in Congress.

Evaluate the view that the real work of Congress occurs in committees rather than in the chambers.

Evaluate the view that Congress is no longer an effective check on the power of the executive branch.

Evaluate the view that Congress is the 'broken branch of government.'

Evaluate the view that campaign finance is the most significant factor in determining the outcome of congressional elections.

Unit 3:

Evaluate the view that the limits on Presidential power are ineffective.

Evaluate the view that there is now an imperial presidency.

Evaluate the view that the President only has significant power in the realm of foreign affairs.

Evaluate the view that the president controls foreign policy.

Evaluate the view that 'the president's power is the power to persuade'.

Evaluate the view that the president can get their way in Congress.

Unit 4:

Evaluate the view that appointment process of the Supreme Court means that it's unable to be politically neutral.

Evaluate the view that the efforts to promote racial equality in the US have failed.

Evaluate the view that the system of checks and balances fails with regard to the Supreme Court.

Evaluate the view that the Supreme Court is now a political institution.

Evaluate the view that affirmative action has been the most effective measure used to increase racial equality in the US.

Evaluate the view that the US Constitution ensures that civil rights are effectively protected by the Supreme Court.

Evaluate the view that the Supreme Court is now an 'imperial judiciary'.

Unit 5:

Evaluate the view that the methods of electing the president are fit for purpose.

Evaluate the view that lack of campaign finance reform has negatively impacted American Politics.

Evaluate the view that interests groups have too much influence on US politics.

Evaluate the view that the Electoral College is an outdated institution.

Evaluate the view that national party conventions still play a meaningful role in presidential elections.

Evaluate the view that social class is the most important factor determining voting behaviour in congressional elections.

Evaluate the view that pressure groups perform useful functions in US politics.

Evaluate the view that the legislative process is more effectively influenced by pressure groups than political parties.