



# **AQA A-Level Politics: Advanced Information**

## **Paper One: UK Government and Politics**

- The nature and sources of the British Constitution.
- The structure and role of Parliament: Scrutiny of the executive and how effective scrutiny of the executive is in practice.
- The UK Judiciary: the role of the UK Supreme Court and its impact on government, legislature, and policy process.
- Democracy and participation: the nature of democracy.
- Elections and referendums: the influence of the media on the outcomes of election.
- Political Parties: Party structures and functions Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat parties.

## **Paper Two: US Government and Politics and Comparative Politics**

- The executive branch of government (the President): constraints on President's ability to exercise those powers.
- The electoral process and direct democracy: voting behavior and the main variables affecting the way people vote in the USA.
- Pressure groups: debates concerning the power of pressure groups in the USA.
- Comparative Politics: The Rational approach.
- Constitutional arrangements: similarities and differences between the devolution model in the UK and the federal models in the USA.
- Civil Rights: Protection of civil rights key similarities and differences regarding the protection of civil rights in the UK and the USA.

## **Paper Three: Political Ideas**

- Section B (e.g. the Extract Question) will focus on the political ideology of *Conservatism*.
- No further information is provided. Therefore, there will be a 25-mark question on Feminism and three 9-mark questions (one on Liberalism, one on Conservatism, and one on Socialism).