**Comparative Politics ~ Democracy & Participation (Parties & PGs)**

**Focus for these notes:**

*Edexcel AS & A level Politics* (text book): Parties pp.462-466. Pressure Groups pp. 466-469

Photocopies, Bennet, *US Govt. & Politics (5th ed),* 2017, pp. 225-229,

Politics Review, Vol. 28 #1 (Sept 2018), pp. 28-31.

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| **Party Funding** *(Photocopies, Bennet, p. 320…/text book, p. 465…)* |
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| **State funding for political parties?** | |
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| **Campaign finance & party funding** *(text book, p. 465…)* | |
| **US** | **UK** |
| **Party systems** *(Bennet, p.322…)* | |
| **US** | **UK** |
| **Changing cultures** | |
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| **Party Unity (factions)** | |
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| **Party policies** | |
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**Pressure/Interest Groups**

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| **Electioneering & endorsing** |
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| **Lobbying** | |
| **Legislature**  **Executive**  **Judiciary** |  |
| **Theoretical approaches to Civil Rights & the Supreme Courts** *(text book, p.468…)* | |
| **Rational** | |
| **Cultural** | |
| **Structural** | |

**Practice questions (12 markers):**

1. *Examine the ways in which the party systems in the US & the UK differ.*
2. *Examine the ways in which the party policies of the US Republican Party differ from those of the UK Conservative Party.*
3. *Examine the ways in which pressure groups lobby the judiciary in both the USA and the UK.*
4. *Examine the levels of independence of the Supreme Court in the US and the UK.*
5. *Analyse the differences in party funding in the USA and the UK.*
6. *Analyse the differences in the opportunities for lobbying for pressure groups in the US Congress and the UK Parliament.*