**A level Political Ideas Template (Core and non-core)**

*This table outlines a possible approach to writing an answer to the A Level Political Ideas Section Core and Non-core on Section C in Components 1 & 2*

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| **AO1 8 Marks** | **AO2 8 Marks** | **AO3 8 Marks** |
| **Knowledge - base** | **Analysis – scrutiny and probing** | **Making a judgment – substantiated,  not opinionated** |
| Division/tension **within** a core and non-core idea **OR** differing views on one of the 4 key areas (economy, the state, society and human nature)  Tension/differences from one perspective :   * A * B * C * Etc   Points against the perspective:   * X * Y * Z * Etc | Consideration and probing of points from one perspective.  Looking for connections and linkages:   * A * B * C * Etc   Consideration and probing of points AGAINST that perspective and investigating their worth.  Looking for connections and linkages:   * X * Y * Z * Etc | 1. Which side of the debate has more credence? 2. Why is that perspective stronger? 3. Rank in importance the analytical points (AO2) for, e.g. B C A 4. Rank in importance the analytical (AO2) points against, e.g. Z Y X 5. Think holistically and reason through to reach a conclusion. 6. Form and come to a judgment, evidence not opinion based. 7. Discuss possible applications of the political idea to the wider study of politics |
| Reference is made in the response to at least TWO political thinkers cited in the specification to gain above Level 2 marks | | |