**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
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| Reference is made in the response to at least TWO political thinkers cited in the specification to gain above Level 2 marks |