**Unit 2, Topic 4: Relationships between the branches**

***Reminder:*** *The key objective of noting is educating yourself, supporting your own learning … Ask yourself, will my notes make sense to me and be detailed enough next year when I come to revise?*

**The Supreme Court & the legislative & policy-making process**

1. What are the three main roles of the Supreme Court? (pp.204-205)
2. What are the two key principles of the Supreme Court? (pp. 206-208)

**Extension task 1:** Use the website: [www.judiciary.gov.uk](http://www.judiciary.gov.uk) to learn more about the relationship between the Supreme Court and other courts in England & Wales)

1. What influence does the Supreme Court have on the executive and parliament? (pp.208)
2. Note the 4 key Supreme Court rulings on Brexit (p.209)
3. Of the three listed far-reaching/irreversible changes listed on page 210, rank which you think is the most influential -saying why.

**The relationship between the executive & parliament**

1. Of the three listed far-reaching/irreversible changes listed on page 210, rank which you think is the most influential -saying why.
2. Rank the four bullet pointed examples of Executive dominance (p. 210)
3. Using the info under the three sub-headings on pp. 211-212, how effective is parliament in holding the executive to account?

**The aims, role & impact of the EU on UK government**

1. What is the EU (p 213)?
2. Summarise the 6 factors that have driven the process of European integration (pp. 214-215).
3. What institutional changes did Lisbon Treaty implement in 2009?
4. Summarise (so you can explain it to a stranger!) how EU directives and regulations are passed (p.218)

***Extension:***

Do the two case studies on page 219 help explain the growth of the influence of the EU in certain sections of British society since the 1990s?

*(Go on… reach for those level 5 grades!)*

1. Summarising the text on pages 219-221, to assess how the EU has affected the UK's political system and policy-making?

**The location of sovereignty in the UK political system**

1. What's the difference Legal and Political sovereignty?
2. Parliament is theoretically sovereign as you know, read and summarise what challenges Parliament faces from the text on pages 22-223.
3. Why is Factorame significant when it comes to UK and EU law?
4. Is parliament still sovereign? Using the bullet points on page 223, which arguments would you use to answer this question -with a sense of judgement?