**Unit 1, Topic 2: Political Parties**

***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?*

**Section A:**

**The functions & features of political parties in the UK’s representative democracy** (pp.24-28)

1. What are the 5 key functions of a political party?

**Extension task 1:** List as many ways as you can, other than winning an election, that political parties are successful:

1. How are MPS paid?
2. Outline why party funding is controversial?
3. What potential reforms are there to the issue money in politics?
4. What are the arguments for & against state funding of political parties?

**Section B:**

**Established political Parties** (pp. 28-40)

**The Conservative Party**

1. Summarise these variations of the Conservative party:
   1. **Traditional conservatism**
   2. **One-nation conservatism**
   3. **Thatcherism (or New Right Conservatism)**
2. Outline the features of a Post-Thatcherite Conservative Party (pp.30-31)
3. In what 4 areas could Cameron be said to be close to Thatcherism?

**Extension task 1:** Find at least one pledge from the 2017 Conservative election manifesto that relates to: economic, welfare, law & order, foreign policy.

**The Labour Party**

1. Outline the key aspects of ‘Old Labour’ (p. 33)
2. Define ‘New Labour’ (Third Way).
3. In what 5 ways did ‘New labour depart from ‘Old Labour’? (p.35)
4. Briefly summarise **Labour under Gordon Brown & Ed Milliband: politics after the crash** (p.36)
5. Using the info on page 37, ***plus some research on the internet***, which Corbyn led Labour Party policies clearly mark a break with New Labour?

**The Liberal Democratic Party** (pp.37-40)

1. Define:
   1. Classical liberals
   2. Modern liberals
2. Summarise in a paragraph what the experience of coalition government was for the Liberal Democrats. (p.39)
3. Bullet point (with supporting detail) what do the Liberal Democrats stand for?
4. Using the information on pages 41-44, bullet point (with supporting detail) 8 details that help illustrate the importance of minor political parties in the UK.

**UK political parties in context**

1. Define the 4 most important models found in a liberal democracy:
2. Briefly outline what factors affect party success. (pp.46-47)