**AS Politics**

AS = 2 papers, both laid out exactly the same. 1 hour 45 minutes for each.

* Q1 - choice of 1a or 1b. 10 mark 'describe' question. Spend about 15 minutes on this.
* Q2 - compulsory source question, one source. 'Using the source, explain...' for 10 marks. Spend about 20 minutes on this (extra time given to read the source.)
* Q3 - compulsory source question, two sources. 'Using the sources, assess...' for 10 marks. Spend about 20 minutes on this (extra time given to read the source.)
* Q4 - choice of 4a or 4b, 30 mark question. A quote followed by 'How far do you agree with this view...'. Spend about 50 minutes on this question.
* For Q4, the essay technique is **exactly** the same as the 30 markers we have been doing already.
* For Q1-3, no intro is necessary. The structure should be roughly three paragraphs well-explained/analysed.
* For Q3, I would include a conclusion, even a brief one, as it has asked you to assess.

**VERY useful documents:**

* You can find an example of the **AS Level papers** here -> [https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Politics/2017/Specification%20and%20sample%20assessments/AS-Politics-Sample-Assessment-Materials.pdf](https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Politics/2017/Specification%20and%20sample%20assessments/AS-Politics-Sample-Assessment-Materials.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)
* You can find **Q1** guidance here -> <https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Politics/2017/Teaching%20and%20learning%20materials/AS_10_mark_questions_Q1ab_Template.docx>
* You can find **Q2** guidance here -> <https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Politics/2017/Teaching%20and%20learning%20materials/AS_Source_Question_2_Template.docx>
* You can find **Q3** guidance here -> <https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Politics/2017/Teaching%20and%20learning%20materials/AS_Source_Question_3_Template.docx>
* You can find **essay** guidance here -> <https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Politics/2017/Teaching%20and%20learning%20materials/AS_and_A_level_Essay_Template.docx>

In terms of revision therefore, by revising the way I suggested below, you will be covering all the necessary material.

1 - make mind maps on each topic. Start on A3 and write everything you can remember in one colour, and everything you had to look up in another. Once you're confident in the material, repeat the mindmap but on A4, then again on A5. This forces you to condense the material and actually know it.

2 - case studies. Pick a key example and put it in the centre of a page. Have 8 arrows coming off it with each of the topics a have studied. Then for as many of those topics as you can, explain why the example is useful. E.g. 2017 election is important for Parliament, PM, Parties, Elections, Democracy, Europe and Media at least! Just explain how they link , using detail from this example to help your explanation.