

## History and Politics Department: Revision Advice

Subject	Politics
Exam Board	Edexcel
Unit	Unit 1: People and Politics
Unit Code	6GP01/01
Format of Exam	1 hour 20 minutes Students answer 2 questions from a choice of 4.
Link to Specification	<a href="http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/gov/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/gov/Pages/default.aspx</a>

### Key Issues for Revision

- Democracy and political participation (nature of democracy, democracy in the UK, how might democracy in the UK be enhanced?)
- Party policies and ideas (knowledge of the origins of the Labour and Conservative parties, their current policies and splits within the parties).
- Elections (Why do elections take place? What are their limitations? What electoral systems are used in the UK? Comparing FPTP to other proposed systems of election).
- Pressure groups (Features and functions of pressure groups, classification, how they exert influence with varying degrees of success, their relationship to democracy).

### Revision Materials

Please make full use of the McNaughton/Edexcel textbook that you have been given. Also recommended are the 2010 Election manifestos and 'Tutor2U' revision notes

### Suggested Revision Activities

- Produce detailed plans in response to part (c) questions. Examples of these are in the Tutor2U revision notes and pages 46, 87, 121, 145/6 of the McNaughton/Edexcel textbook.
- Practice full responses to past/possible questions in timed conditions (40 minutes for all three parts of the question)
- Make detailed revision notes on the key issues - use the specification and the key terms it includes as a starting point.
- Try to tackle a series of part (a) questions to ensure that you are comfortable giving precise, concise definitions.