



Pearson Edexcel AS and A level Politics qualifications – update March 2017

Information

Ofqual has accredited our qualifications. The specifications and sample assessment materials (SAMs) on our website are the final accredited versions.

This update explains the changes which were made to the materials before the final submission to Ofqual for accreditation. Below is a summary of the key changes to the materials.

Specification changes

- Extra clarification on the different views of Conservatism have been added to page 13 of the specification

Assessment changes

- AS, Papers 1 and 2, question 3 – candidate instruction has been amended to explain that students may use knowledge but that this must support their analysis and evaluation in order to gain credit
- The mark scheme has been amended to say that “there are no AO1 marks. Do not give credit to responses where candidates demonstrate knowledge alone. Any knowledge used must support their analysis and evaluation.”
- A level Papers 1 and 2, questions 1(a) and 1(b) – a new mark scheme instruction has been added stating that: “Marks for analysis (AO2) and evaluation (AO3) should only be awarded where they relate to information in the source.”
- A level Paper 2, questions 2(a) and 2(b) – the synoptic points have been reviewed and slightly amended to ensure that, while they make a synoptic point, they relate back to the question asked.