



Pearson

## Edexcel GCE Politics (9PL0) SAMs amendments

Following a review of the Politics SAMs, we have made some minor amendments to improve clarity and correct grammar. We have updated the SAMs, which are available on our website, to match the specimen papers. **NB There are no changes to the specification or assessment model.**

The tables below summarise the changes made and provide the relevant page numbers in the SAMs document.

Summary of changes made between previous issue and this current issue	Page number
<p><b>Question Paper 1: UK Politics and Core Political Ideas and Question Paper 2: UK Government and Non-core Political Ideas</b></p> <p>We've updated the wording for the responses to follow the EAMs and to make it clearer.</p> <p>In your response you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>compare the different opinions in the source</li><li>consider the view and the alternative view in a balanced way</li><li>use a balance of knowledge and understanding both arising from the source and beyond the source to help you to analyse and evaluate.</li></ul> <p><b>Amended to:</b></p> <p>In your response you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• compare and contrast the different opinions in the source</li><li>• examine and debate these views in a balanced way</li><li>• analyse and evaluate <b>only</b> the information presented in the source.</li></ul>	6, 7, 53 and 55
<p><b>Question Paper 2: UK Government and Non-core Political Ideas</b></p> <p>We've updated the wording to follow the EAMs and included the words 'you must' to the actions for question 2a and 2b, it now reads:</p> <p><b>Question 2a and 2b:</b> Evaluate the extent to which the UK government's control over Parliament has reduced in recent years.</p> <p>In your answer you should draw on relevant knowledge and understanding of the study of Component 1: UK politics and core political ideas. <b>You must</b> consider this view and the alternative to this view in a balanced way</p>	63
<p><b>Mark schemes</b></p> <p><b>3A: Comparative Politics: USA</b> <b>3B: Comparative Politics: Global</b></p> <p>On the Level descriptors we have removed the word '<u>evaluation</u>' as this is not a</p>	46, 148, 151, 184, 186 and 188

requirement for questions 1 and 2.	
<b>Mark schemes</b> <b>Question Paper 3A: Comparative Politics: USA</b> <b>Question Paper 3B: Comparative Politics: Global</b>  On the Level 4 mark scheme descriptors when drawing on the similarities we have added the word ' <u>or</u> ' so it now reads ' <u>and/or</u> ' to keep this consistent with the Levels 1-3 on the mark scheme.	46, 148, 184 and 186