



**Route A – KEY POLITICAL ISSUES**

**UK Political Issues**

**Answer TWO questions chosen from questions 1–4 and ONE question chosen from questions 5–7. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

**Questions 1–4 carry 20 marks each.**

**It is advised that you spend 15 minutes on each of your TWO chosen questions.**

1. Why have unionists been so reluctant to share power with nationalists in Northern Ireland?

**Q1**

**(Total 20 marks)**

2. How much success have governments had in improving the performance of the National Health Service in the UK since 1997?

**Q2**

**(Total 20 marks)**

3. In what way, and to what extent, have race relations in the UK been adversely affected by the threat of international terrorism?

**Q3**

**(Total 20 marks)**

4. How and why have Labour governments since 1997 advanced the principle of ‘welfare to work’?

**Q4**

**(Total 20 marks)**

**Questions 5–7 carry 60 marks each.**

**It is advised that you spend 45 minutes on this question.**

5. Has a genuine political consensus emerged in the UK over economic policy?

**Q5**

**(Total 60 marks)**

6. ‘The fear of crime is a greater problem than crime itself.’ Explain and discuss.

**Q6**

**(Total 60 marks)**

7. ‘The welfare state has been in danger since 1979.’ Discuss.

**Q7**

**(Total 60 marks)**





































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