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The various items here illustrate something of the great range of resources currently available. Students are expected to read widely and teachers will need to use their professional judgement in assessing the suitability of any item. Please note that the items listed here do not define the syllabus. No item is prescribed or recommended, and the syllabus places no premium on candidates being aware of the latest scholarship or the particular views of specific scholars.

Wherever possible, the most up-to-date details have been included. In order to maximise accessibility, all items are paperbacks and only books currently in print are listed. Websites such as www.amazon.com and www.abebooks.com as well as specialist book dealers can be used to track them down while the British Library Lending Division, accessible via county library services, will lend many works.

Teachers might wish to use/refer students to readily-available periodicals, such as:

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Global Politics http://www.global-politics.co.uk/
New Internationalist http://www.newint.org/
New Statesman http://www.newstatesman.com/
Newsweek http://www.newsweekeurope.com/

Political Insight http://www.politicalinsightmagazine.com/

The Spectator http://www.spectator.co.uk/

Time http://www.time.com/time/

Total Politics http://www.totalpolitics.com/

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and TV and radio coverage, such as:

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Global Parliaments online

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In addition, teachers might also find helpful the support and resources of The Political Studies Association http://www.psa.ac.uk/ tutor2u (Politics section) http://www.tutor2u.net/blog/index.php/politics/

These lists are not exhaustive and can only be works in progress.

To keep them useful, Cambridge will be pleased to receive suggestions of additional items, notification of errors and information about works out of print.

Thank you.

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