SAMPLE ASSESSMENT OUTLINE

POLITICS AND LAW
ATAR YEAR 11
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**Politics and Law – ATAR Year 11**

**Unit 1 and Unit 2**

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<td>Investigation</td>
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<td>Semester 1 Week 4 and 5</td>
<td>Task 2: Research and present a written report on the role and power of the executive and legislature in North Korea.</td>
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<td>Semester 2 Weeks 8–11</td>
<td>Task 8: Part A: Identify and research three weaknesses of the civil trial process in Western Australia. Part B: Validation essay based on the research associated with the investigation and classwork (including both strengths and weaknesses).</td>
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| Short answer                  | 20%                                       | 10%                       | Semester 1 Week 4             | Task 1: Answer three, three-part questions based on the following content:  
- Australia and the operating principles of a liberal democracy  
- Structure of the Australian political and legal system  
- Roles of the three branches of government  
- Influences on the Australian political and legal system  
- Terms and doctrines: separation of powers; division of powers; representative and responsible government; federalism. |
|                               |                                           | 10%                       | Semester 2 Week 13            | Task 9: Answer three, three-part questions based on the following content:  
- Strengths and weaknesses of Western Australia’s criminal law processes  
- The implications of the cost of legal representation  
- The abolition of the jury trial  
- The issue of justice. |
| Essay                         | 20%                                       | 10%                       | Semester 1 Week 6             | Task 3: An unseen essay topic based on the following content:  
- Australia as an example of a democratic political and legal system  
- North Korea as an example of a non-democratic political and legal system. |
|                               |                                           | 10%                       | Semester 2 Week 3             | Task 6: An unseen topic based on the following content:  
- Political representation and political participation with reference to the role of political parties and pressure groups  
- Ways individuals, political parties and pressure groups can participate in the electoral processes in Australia. |
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<td>Semester 1 Week 6</td>
<td><strong>Task 4:</strong> An extract and a series of open and closed questions. The source is related to the following content: - Parliament and lawmaking process - Courts and law making process, including precedent - Relationship between statute and common law.</td>
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<td>Semester 2 Week 5</td>
<td><strong>Task 7:</strong> An extract and a series of open and closed questions. The source is related to the following content: - Electoral and voting systems since Federation - Advantages and disadvantages of the electoral and voting systems in Australia, with reference to at least one election.</td>
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| Examination                   | 30%                                      | 10%                       | Semester 1 Week 16            | **Task 5:** **Semester 1 examination** (2.5 hours) – A representative sampling of the syllabus content reflecting the ATAR Year 12 examination design brief.  
Section One: Short answer, three questions from four  
Section Two: Source analysis, one question  
Section Three: Essay, one question from two. |
|                              |                                          | 20%                       | Semester 2 Week 16            | **Task 10:** **Semester 2 examination** (3 hours) – A representative sampling of the syllabus content reflecting the ATAR Year 12 examination design brief.  
Section One: Short answer, three questions from four  
Section Two: Source analysis, one question from two  
Section Three: Essay, two questions from four. |
| **Total**                     | **100%**                                 | **100%**                  |                               |