



SAMPLE ASSESSMENT OUTLINE

POLITICS AND LAW
ATAR YEAR 11

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Unit 1 and Unit 2

Assessment type (from syllabus)	Assessment type weighting (from syllabus)	Assessment task weighting	When/start and submission date	Assessment task
Investigation	10%	5%	Semester 1 Week 4 and 5	Task 2: Research and present a written report on the role and power of the executive and legislature in North Korea.
		5%	Semester 2 Weeks 8–11	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).
Short answer	20%	10%	Semester 1 Week 4	Task 1: Answer three, three-part questions based on the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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Source analysis	20%	10%	Semester 1 Week 6	<p>Task 4: An extract and a series of open and closed questions. The source is related to the following content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parliament and lawmaking process Courts and law making process, including precedent Relationship between statute and common law.
		10%	Semester 2 Week 5	<p>Task 7: An extract and a series of open and closed questions. The source is related to the following content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electoral and voting systems since Federation Advantages and disadvantages of the electoral and voting systems in Australia, with reference to at least one election.
Examination	30%	10%	Semester 1 Week 16	<p>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.</p>
		20%	Semester 2 Week 16	<p>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.</p>
Total	100%	100%		