



SAMPLE ASSESSMENT OUTLINE

POLITICS AND LAW
ATAR YEAR 11

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Unit 1 and Unit 2

Assessment type	Assessment type weighting	Assessment task weighting	When/start and submission date	Assessment task
Investigation	10%	5%	Semester 1 Weeks 5–7	Task 2 Part A: Research the political and legal structures of a non-democratic system of government and the extent to which the principles of a liberal democracy exist. Task 2 Part B: Unseen validation essay based on the research associated with the investigation and class work based on the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia as an example of a democratic political and legal system North Korea, China or Russia as an example of a non-democratic political and legal system
		5%	Semester 2 Weeks 13–15	Task 9 Part A: Research an alternative electoral system (USA) Task 9 Part B: Unseen validation essay based on the research associated with the investigation and class work based on the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The USA's electoral system (The Electoral College)
Short answer	20%	10%	Semester 1 Week 10	Task 3: Answer three, three-part questions based on the following content. Law-making in Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parliament (statute law) The Courts (common law) Subordinate authorities and delegated legislation
		10%	Semester 2 Week 8	Task 7: Answer three, three-part questions based on the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political representation and elections The role of political parties (major, minor, and micro) and pressure groups The ways political parties, pressure groups and individuals participate in the electoral process
Essay	20%	10%	Semester 1 Week 14	Task 4: An unseen essay topic based on the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elements of an effective legal system The adversarial system Key processes of civil and criminal trials in Western Australia (pre-trial, trial and post-trial processes)
		10%	Semester 2 Week 12	Task 8: An unseen topic based on the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electoral systems and democracy

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Source analysis	20%	10%	Semester 1 Week 4	Task 1: An extract and a series of open and closed questions. The source is related to 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 influences on the Australian political and legal system
		10%	Semester 2 Week 5	Task 6: An extract and a series of open and closed questions. The source is related to the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural justice The inquisitorial and adversarial systems Strengths and weaknesses of Western Australia's criminal law processes The implications of the cost of legal representation
Examination	30%	10%	Semester 1 Week 16	Task 5: Semester 1 Examination (2.5 hours) A representative sampling of the Unit 1 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 Unit 1 and Unit 2 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%		