

Government and Politics Summer Project

The following task has been put together to aid your transition to A level standard in the first few weeks. It is vital that you have read around the subject prior to starting the course. The tasks, therefore, are designed to ensure you can access the lessons effectively from the start. The Project comes in two parts – your attitude towards society; and what you would like to change.

Part A – ‘People are all born equal.’ Discuss

To what **extent** do you agree with this statement? You could use the following points, plus your own knowledge to help you:

- Is there an argument to suggest that although we might not be equal during life, at least at the start of it we are equal?
- Is it unreasonable or unrealistic to suggest that we are all equal when nature and money shows us otherwise?
- Do the policies such as welfare and education, carried out by the past few governments, suggest that inequality is a fact of life?

Your essay should be no more than 400 words. **Guided time: 45 minutes.**

Part B – You have just been elected to form the next government. Using the information gained from part A, as Prime Minister you have to prioritise which 5 things you wish to change about this country, giving reasons for your choice. They could be in regards to:

- Policies such as education, health, security.
- Money/ finance/ tax – what you would spend less on and what you would spend more on. Should the wealthy be taxed more?
- Our relationships with other countries.
- Issues such as unemployment, tuition fees, human rights, the economy, welfare, the Justice System (both Civil and Criminal)
- Lifestyle changes for the elderly, children/ students, poverty, families, single parent families.
- Restructure the constitution of this country – who should have more power, who should have less?

This is your chance, as Prime Minister, to create your “dream society”. Remember to justify your choices, and also try to be realistic – if you are going to pour tax payers money into one policy or area of need, you need to be prepared to state and explain which areas you would be prepared to spend less money on.

Ensure you have prepared your answer in the form of an essay (no more than 400 words), and also as a summary of this ready for discussion/ debate when we reconvene in September. Guided time: 1 hour.

If you are stuck, unsure, or need help in explaining a concept, theory or policy, either see me in the Academy (G17/ 201), or email (I will be available through most of the summer) at: TBoyce2@neale-wade.org

I’d rather you contacted me for assistance than attend the first lesson with the tasks incomplete. Having said this, the other purpose of the summer project is to ensure you are developing as an independent student (vital for success!!), so do ensure you research and read around the concepts, theories and policies. The guided hours are there for reference, but do try to stick to the word limit. Obviously we will not discourage you from spending more time reading or researching – should you wish.

Good luck.