How would I respond to exam questions regarding the Economy or the British Constitution?

Downloadable Resource



Mrs Haynes

Economy topics

- 1. What is the difference between a healthy and recessive economy?
- 2. What are the different types of taxation?
- 3. Where does local government funding come from and how is money spent to support the needs of the local community?
- 4. What do the terms 'private' and 'state-owned' services mean?
- 5. What kind of economic risk management do government need to do?



British Constitution topics

- 1. What is the layout of the House of Commons?
- 2. What parliamentary procedures are followed in the UK?
- 3. What are the positives and negatives of the UK bicameral system?
- 4. Where is power held in our system of government?
- 5. What are the benefits of an uncodified constitution?



How does the economy fit in to each of the GCSE Citizenship Studies exam boards?

AQA

Theme 3: Politics and Participation

Examined on Paper 1.

- Taxation
- Risk management
- Funding the provision of public services

Edexcel

Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK

Examined on Paper 1 but could be in the extended essay style question on Paper 2.

- Taxation
- Managing public money and budgeting
- Managing risk

OCR

The Economy = Section 2:
Democracy and
Government

It is examined through Paper 1 and 2.

- Taxation
- Government spending
- Funding public services



How does the British constitution fit in to each of the GCSE Citizenship Studies exam boards?

AQA

Theme 3: Politics and Participation

Examined on Paper 1.

- The legislature and the second chamber
- Role of the monarch
- The power of the government and the uncodified constitution

Edexcel

Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK

Examined on Paper 1 but could be in the extended essay style question on Paper 2.

- The institutions of the British constitution
- Separation of powers
- Uncodified constitution

OCR

The British constitution = Section 2: Democracy and Government. It is examined through Paper 1 and 2.

- Ceremonies
- Separation of powers
- Organisation of government



All GCSE Citizenship has similar assessment objectives

Knowledge and understanding

Income tax is one of the main ways the government gains funds.

Application of that knowledge in different contexts

If citizens are asked to pay more income tax, they may not choose to vote for the party in government again.

Analyses and evaluation of a range of evidence

Analyses of a graph of sources of government funding show that income tax raised has decreased over 20 years. There are many reasons that could cause this fact and by considering them all, you are evaluating the evidence.



Words that start questions on the exam papers are called 'command words'. They tell you what to do.

COMMAND WORDS GRID	Explain	Name
Give	Choose	Analyse
Evaluate	Identify	State

