

## Relationships between Institutions Topic Sheet

Topic	Content	Understood?		
		Red	Amber	Green
<b>4.1 The Supreme Court</b>	<p>The Supreme Court and its interactions with, and influence over, the legislative and policy-making processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role and composition of the Supreme Court.</li> <li>• The key operating principles of the Supreme Court, including judicial neutrality and judicial independence and their extent.</li> <li>• The degree to which the Supreme Court influences both the Executive and Parliament, including the doctrine of ultra vires and judicial review.</li> </ul>			
<b>4.2 The relationship between the Executive and Parliament</b>	<p>The relationship between the Executive and Parliament.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The influence and effectiveness of Parliament in holding the Executive to account.</li> <li>• The influence and effectiveness of the Executive in attempting to exercise dominance over Parliament.</li> <li>• The extent to which the balance of power between Parliament and the Executive has changed</li> </ul>			
<b>4.3 The European Union</b>	<p>The aims, role and impact of the European Union (EU) on UK government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The aims of the EU, including the 'four freedoms' of the single market, social policy, and political and economic union and the extent to which these have been achieved.</li> <li>• The role of the EU in policy making.</li> <li>• The impact of the EU, including the main effects of at least two EU policies and their impact on the UK political system and UK policy making.</li> </ul>			
<b>4.4 Sovereignty</b>	<p>The location of sovereignty in the UK political system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The distinction between legal sovereignty and political sovereignty.</li> <li>• The extent to which sovereignty has moved between different branches of government.</li> <li>• Where sovereignty can now be said to lie in the UK</li> </ul>			

Key Questions: (These are not exhaustive!)

**To what extent is the Supreme Court Independent?/ Neutral?**

**To what extent is Parliament dominated by the Executive?**

**To what extent does Parliament successfully act as a check and balance on the powers of the Executive?**

**To what extent has Parliament retained its sovereignty?**

Key Vocabulary:

Key Terms

<u>Supreme Court</u>	<u>Judicial Review</u>	<u>Judicial Neutrality</u>	<u>Scrutiny</u>
<u>Ultra Vires</u>	<u>Judicial Independence</u>	<u>Elective Dictatorship</u>	<u>European Union</u>
<u>Accountability</u>	<u>Balance of Power</u>	<u>Influence</u>	<u>Power</u>
<u>Authority</u>	<u>Four Freedoms</u>	<u>Legal Sovereignty</u>	<u>Political Sovereignty</u>
<u>Impartiality</u>	<u>Declaration of Incompatibility</u>	<u>Rule of Law</u>	<u>Parliament Act 1911</u>
<u>Patronage</u>	<u>Whip System</u>	<u>Parliamentary Timetable</u>	<u>Salisbury Convention</u>
<u>Fusion of Powers</u>	<u>Separation of Powers</u>	<u>Lisbon Treaty</u>	<u>Single Market</u>
<u>Enlargement (EU)</u>	<u>Supranational institutions</u>	<u>Intergovernmental institutions</u>	<u>European Commission</u>
<u>European Parliament</u>	<u>Charter of Fundamental Rights</u>		