

Test Tracker
For A-Level Politics

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Rectifying common errors

My AO1 scores aren't high enough.

This means you aren't including enough knowledge and understanding in your answer. Include more case studies and relevant examples into every paragraph. If the question uses a source, you need to use points mentioned in the source, rather than bringing in your own points.

My AO2 scores aren't high enough.

This means you aren't cross-examining your own points and making comparative analysis between your own arguments; Try to weigh up the significance of each point you are making. Furthermore, make sure there is a logical chain between your arguments so that they link together, don't just list points and evidence.

My AO3 scores aren't high enough.

AO3 is all about conclusions and evaluations. Each paragraph should link back to the phrasing of the question to directly answer it. Don't sit on the fence with your answer; pick a side and stick to it throughout your argument. Try and make your conclusion more convincing using points made previously in your answer.

I don't know which points in the source to use.

Read the question carefully, and then get two highlighters out. highlight the points in favour of one side in one colour and the points in favour of the other side in another colour. If you find yourself highlighting too much, find the points that you can explain and analyse in deeper detail. Find figures or data in the source that you can use with other parts of the source. Don't just lift large sentences from the source to increase the length of your paragraphs.

I'm describing rather than explaining or evaluating.

This will be limiting your AO1 marks; just describing what the source says or what the evidence you have given means, you are evaluating the views or sides of an argument. Try to say 'why' and 'how' rather than 'what', 'when' or 'who'. Use your knowledge of political institutions, processes and figures to explain the significance of your point within a certain context.

