

# Liberalism: Activities

## Essay Questions (A01, A02, A03)

Construct full essays discussing the questions below.

1	' Liberals place too much emphasis on the individual's well-being. ' Discuss.
2	Critically evaluate the assertion that classical liberalism is the purest form of liberalism.
3	To what extent is it true that every liberal believes that some element of inequality is inevitable in society?
4	To what extent is liberal democracy a regime based on fundamental tension?
5	' The recent drop in support of the Liberal Democrats party clearly proves that liberal ideas now have no political influence in Wales.' Discuss.
6	Critically evaluate the argument of the 'cosmopolitan' liberal regarding the moral duty of wealthy states to redistribute money and resources to support the development of poorer states.

In preparing to draw up your essays, think carefully about the following points:

- i) Before starting to write, ensure that you have understood what the question is asking you to discuss. The best essays are those with clear focus and that only discuss material relevant to the question.
- ii) Take your time to carefully plan your essay. Consider which different points you believe need discussing and think carefully about the order in which these points should be discussed. This will ensure that your essay has clear structure and therefore avoids unfortunate features such as repetition.
- iii) It is important that your essay presents relevant information, but you should also attempt to ensure that your essay is more than merely a descriptive piece. Each of the above essay questions requires you to discuss and analyse (note the use of terms such as 'evaluate' or 'to what extent'). As a result, your essay needs to weigh up different perspectives and arguments, as well as present information about them.
- iv) It is also important that your essay develops a clear argument in response to the question. Note that all questions above require you in some way to develop a specific perspective. The best essays will gradually develop this argument or perspective during the body of work, not wait to announce it succinctly in the closing paragraph.