

GCSE Government and Politics

Specification Addendum

Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2021–2022)

This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification

The table below shows the units available for Summer 2022 cash in and details where applicable:

- the unit eligible for omission; and
- any temporary adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions.

Please note: This applies only to candidates who started their GCSE course in September 2020 and are cashing-in at qualification level in Summer 2022

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
Unit 1 Democracy in Action	External written examination 1 hour 30 mins There are three sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section A includes questions that require short answers, recall and definitions. • Section B includes questions on source material. • Section C includes extended, evaluative questions. 	50%	As an alternative to the examination, students are permitted the option of completing a controlled assessment task for Unit 1. The Summer 2022 controlled assessment task will be made available to schools no later than 31 January 2022. The controlled assessment task will be equivalent to 10% of the original specification. The Unit 1 examination will still be available for any candidates wishing to sit the external examination.

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
Unit 2: International Politics in Action	External written examination 1 hour 30 mins There are three sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section A includes questions that require short answers, recall and definitions. • Section B includes questions on source material. • Section C includes extended, evaluative questions. 	50%	No changes

- For those students who started their GCSE course in September 2020 and are due to cash in the full GCSE in Summer 2022 they will be required to enter for *either*:
 - The Unit 1 external examination **or**
 - The controlled assessment task
- They will be unable to sit the Unit 1 examination **and** the controlled assessment task.
- In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered.

For candidates commencing their GCSE course in September 2021, it is recommended that, as far as possible, the units are delivered in numerical order in case of any further disruption to the academic year.