PM and Executive Case Studies

Blair as PM p261-262

1. What was Blair’s majority in 1997?

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1. How did he keep the cabinet at arm’s length in the powerful years – 2 ways?

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1. Why did Blair and Gordon Brown ‘fall out’

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1. Outline some of his successes in domestic policy?

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1. Outline initial success in foreign policy?

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1. How did the invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq weaken Blair? Google Dr David Kelly and briefly add this to your notes below

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1. Based on answers from 1-6 what factors contributed to Blairs dominance over his cabinet and then his weakness ?

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| **Cameron as PM p 269-270**1. Why initially might it have seemed Cameron may be a weak PM
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1. Give evidence of the policy of austerity carried out after the Global Fincial Crash in 2008? ( In the third paragraph)

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1. Why did coalition government limit Cameron’s powers of patronage?

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1. How did the ‘Quad’ help reinforce Cameron’s power over cabinet?

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1. Using the text and knowledge from our work on the Brexit Referendum explain why he promised an in out referendum on EU membership in the 2015 Manifesto

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1. Which two Conservative ‘ big beasts’ campaigned for Vote Leave

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| 1. Gove was minister in Cameron’s government? What convention must Cameron have ignored for Gove to be able to campaign for Vote Leave
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1. Looking at the above answers on Cameron what made him able to initially dominate Cabinet

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| 1. Looking at the above factors what led to Cameron’s downfall
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| **May as PM: pp276-277** |

1. How did May become PM. Reference whether there was an election or leadership contest

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1. She inherited Cameron’s 12 seat majority. Why was this problematic?

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1. Why did she have a ‘honeymoon period’?

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1. How did her selections for Cabinet demonstrate her initial power over her party

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1. Why do you think she called a ‘snap’ election on 8 June 2017

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1. Research May’s election campaign. Why was it such a disaster?

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1. What does the graph reveal on p277 about how PMs can lose their authority?

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| **Johnson as PM: Use the attached sheet** |

1. How did Johnson become PM.

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1. What difficulties did he have after inheriting May’s minority government?

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1. Why factors did he adhere to and which did he ignore when appointing his cabinet?

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1. Why was he initially able to dominate cabinet

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1. What event began to diminish his authority and why

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1. Read the ‘Decline in his authority section and outline the chain of events that led to his resignation

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1. What does Johnson’s experience reveal about why PMs can lose authority?

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| What is the executive?The structure of the executive pp2501. What is the difference between the political and official executive?

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1. What is meant by primus inter pares in relation to the PM?

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1. What are the 6 aspects of the modern role on the PM

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1. Define the Cabinet, ‘Inner Cabinet’ and Cabinet CVommittees ?

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1. Outline the difference between Civil Servants and Special Advisers ( SPADS) p251/2

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1. Giving examples of PMs what six factors might a PM consider when appointing a cabinet ? P252

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| **Who has power in the executive?**1. What are the three theories of executive power p253
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1. What evidence has there been of growing ‘presidentialism’ in the UK system? P254

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1. Why three factors mean there cannot be presidential government in the UK p254?

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| Q10 Using pp 254-256 complete the following table

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| How important is the cabinet? |
| Important | Not important |
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1. What 4 key powers does the PM have p257?

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1. Give examples of PMs using patronage powers

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1. Give examples of the limits on PMs use of patronage powers

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| 1. Give examples of PMs managing Cabinet successfully

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1. Give examples of the difficulties in manging cabinet

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1. Give examples of PMs demonstrating leadership over the party

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1. Give examples of the difficulties in leading a party

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1. What institutional support does the PM have
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1. What are the limits to this institutional support

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The significance of ministerial responsibility

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| 1. Define Individual Ministerial Responsibility
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1. Give examples Legal Individual Ministerial Responsibility being enforced or not 270/1

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1. Give examples of political individual ministerial responsibility being enforced or not?

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1. What is Collective ministerial responsibility and what are the 4 reasons why it is important

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1. Give examples of CMR working

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1. Give examples of it not working?

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