**US Supreme Court**

**4.1 The Nature and Role of the Supreme Court pp 121-124**

1. Why does the US Supreme Court have so much power (Chapter Preview)

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1. What does Article III Sections 1 and 2 say about the Supreme Court

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1. What are the four factors that ‘guarantee’ Judicial Independence

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1. Outline the four stages of the judicial review process

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1. Outline the significance og Marbury v Madison (1803) and Fletcher v Peck (1810)

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**4.2 The Appointment Process**

1. What are the four stages of the appointment process?

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1. What factors influence the presidential nomination of a Supreme Court justice?

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1. Explain why the impact of appointments can be limited =, moderate or high

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1. Why did Trump have such a significant impact on the Court? Refer to his appointments and predecessor judges

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1. What is meant by the terms Liberal, Conservative and Swing justices

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1. What does the Senate votes for Gorsuch, Kavanaugh and Coney Barrett and Brown Jackson reveal

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1. Using pp126-128 – Is the nomination process fit for purpose?

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1. Explain why you agree or disagree with the evaluative view on bottom of p128

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1. Using Table 5.3 outline the issue and who was ruled against in each of the cases

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1. Using pp129-1232 – Are there only limited checks and balances on the Supreme Court?

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1. Define Judicial Restraint and Judicial activism

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1. Give examples of cases that demonstrate liberal activism

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Give examples of conservative judicial activism on First Amendment religious rights

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1. Using p134 and 135 outline the arguments that judicial restraint is superior

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1. Using p134 and 135 outline the arguments that judicial activism is superior

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**4.1 Impact on Public Policy 4.3**

1. What are the 3 ways in which the Court can impact on public policy

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1. Outline cases on p137 on Health, Gay Rights, Guns and Abortion

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1. Outline the three limitations on the Court in creating public policy

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**4.2 The Protection of Civil Liberties**

1. Briefly summarise the cases on p139 and which right is being ruled on?

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| 1. Using pp140-142 – Does the SC provide effective protection of civil liberties?
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1. Briefly summarise the Exam tip at the bottom of the table

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**4.6 Interpretations and Debates on the US SC**

1. Read pp 143-145. Is the SC a judicial or political body?

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1. What is ‘Originalism and which justices are associated with it

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1. What is meant by the ‘Living Constitution’ and ‘Loose Constructionism’?

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1. Outline the two arguments on each side of the modern society v history on p146

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1. Outline the two arguments on each side of the objectivity v bias debate on p146/7

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1. Outline the two arguments on each side of the rights protection debate on p147

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1. Summarise the arguments on p148. Is the living constitution approach superior

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1. Summarise the exam tip at the bottom of the table on p148

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