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<b>Explanations and Support</b>	<b>___ X 3 =</b>	
<b>Communication</b>		
<b>Total out of 20</b>		

<b>Which characteristic(s) of political systems do you think are most important to a liberal democracy?</b>	
<b>Explanations and Support (5 x 3 = 15 Marks)</b>	
<b>Excellent (E) 5</b>	The most important ideas and evidence related to the topic are completely and accurately explained. The response reveals a complete and accurate understanding of the social studies knowledge and concepts directly related to the topic.
<b>Proficient (Pf) 4</b>	Explanations are on topic and reveal a clear understanding. The most important ideas and evidence related to the topic are present but are not explained as completely and/or accurately as they could be.
<b>Satisfactory (S) 3</b>	Explanations are general and straightforward revealing an acceptable understanding. Supporting evidence and explanations may be incompletely developed and/or contains some minor errors.
<b>Limited (L) 2</b>	Explanations are unclear or off topic. Explanations are confusing to read or inaccurate. One or more major errors may be present.
<b>Poor (P) 1</b>	Explanations are minimal or off topic revealing little understanding. Explanations if present, are incomplete, and contain major and/or frequent errors.
<b>Communication (5 marks)</b>	
<b>Excellent (E) 5</b>	The writing is virtually error free and a pleasure to read.
<b>Proficient (Pf) 4</b>	The writing is clear and easy to read Minor errors do not reduce the reader's ability to understand the writer's thoughts and ideas.
<b>Satisfactory (S) 3</b>	The writing is generally clear but most likely contains errors that could easily have been avoided by following the Top 20 Tips Top 20 Tips for Written Responses. (e.g. the use of "you" or "your") Two or more sentences are grammatically incorrect. Four or more spelling or punctuation errors are present. One or more major spelling errors may be present (e.g. "there" instead of "their").
<b>Limited (L) 2</b>	The writing is difficult and frustrating to read. There are grammatical and/or spelling errors in every paragraph. The essay leads to the conclusion that the student paid little or no attention to the Top 20 Tips for Written Responses.
<b>Poor (P) 1</b>	Almost every sentence has a spelling or grammatical error.