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F853 Exam Technique

Writing in timed conditions			
Understanding what the question is asking			
Part A questions: Structuring part a answers			
Part A questions: Defining key terms			
Part A questions: Clear explanations			
Part A questions: Range and depth of evidence included			
Part A questions: Use of examples			
Part A questions: Use of sources			
Part B questions: Structuring part b answers			
Part B questions: Showing awareness of different views			
Part B questions: Analysing different views			
Part B questions: Using comparisons/contrasts			
Part B questions: Evaluating strengths/weaknesses			
Part B questions: Identifying most important factors			
F853 Essay questions: Structuring essay answers			
F853 Essay questions: Unpacking the question			
F853 Essay questions: Focus on the question			
F853 Essay questions: Including range/depth of evidence			
F853 Essay questions: Clarity of explanations			
F853 Essay questions: Using examples			
F853 Essay questions: Awareness of different views			
F853 Essay questions: Analysis of different views			
F853 Essay questions: Analysis of different views			
F853 Essay questions: Effective reasoning			
F853 Essay questions: Informed conclusion			

The Presidency

Functions of executives			
Key facts and events in the presidency of Barack Obama			
Key facts and events in the presidency of George W. Bush			
Key facts and events in the presidency of Bill Clinton			
Powers of the President: proposing legislation and submitting the annual budget			
Powers of the President: sign/veto legislation			
Powers of the President: chief executive			
Powers of the President: nominations			
Powers of the President: commander-in-chief			
Powers of the President: negotiating treaties			
Powers of the President: pardon			
Powers of the President: Head of State			
The vice-president: selection, election and appointment			
The vice-president: powers of the vice-president			
The vice-president: increasing importance of the vice-president			
The vice-president: Joe Biden as vice-president			
The federal bureaucracy categories: executive departments/agencies/IRCs and government corporations			

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The Presidency (continued)

The federal bureaucracy: functions			
The federal bureaucracy: personnel			
The federal bureaucracy: problems (iron triangles/inefficiency/going native)			
The federal bureaucracy: powers checked by Congress/President			
The cabinet: historical background			
The cabinet: recruitment, membership and confirmation			
The cabinet: a balanced cabinet			
The cabinet: cabinet meetings			
The cabinet: functions of meetings for the president			
The cabinet: functions of meetings for cabinet officers			
The cabinet: cabinet councils			
The cabinet: assessment			
EXOP: Executive Office of the President (EXOP) - definition			
EXOP: The White House Office			
EXOP: The White House Chief of Staff			
EXOP: Organising the White House			
EXOP: National Security Council (NSC)			
EXOP: Cabinet rivalries			
President and Congress: persuasion through people			
President and Congress: persuasion through perks			
President and Congress: results of persuasion			
The partisan Presidency: Relations with Congress			
The partisan Presidency: voting at elections			
The partisan Presidency: presidential approval ratings			
The partisan Presidency: The White House Staff			
The partisan Presidency: The media			
President and foreign policy: constitutional arrangements			
President and foreign policy: appointments			
President and foreign policy: executive agreements			
President and foreign policy: setting the tone			
President and foreign policy: working with Congress			
Theories of presidential power: imperial presidency			
Theories of presidential power: post-imperial presidency			
Limits on presidential power: Congress			
Limits on presidential power: The Supreme Court			
Limits on presidential power: Public Opinion			
Limits on presidential power: Pressure groups			
Limits on presidential power: The media			
Limits on presidential power: The federal bureaucracy			
Limits on presidential power: Other factors			

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Congress	RED	AMBER	GREEN
Functions of legislatures: representation			
Functions of legislatures: participation			
Functions of legislatures: accountability			
The structure of the House of Representatives			
The structure of the Senate			
Membership of Congress (including current 114th Congress)			
Powers of Congress: exclusive powers of the House			
Powers of Congress: exclusive powers of the Senate			
Powers of Congress: concurrent powers of the House and Senate			
The relative importance and prestige of the House and Senate			
Leadership in Congress: The House Speaker			
Leadership in Congress: Majority and minority leaders			
Leadership in Congress: President Pro Tempore			
Committees: standing committees			
Committees: House Rules committee			
Committees: Conference committees			
Committees: select committees			
Committees: committee chairs (seniority rule etc.)			
Legislative process: first reading			
Legislative process: committee stage			
Legislative process: timetabling			
Legislative process: second reading			
Legislative process: third reading			
Legislative process: conference committee			
Legislative process: presidential action			
Legislative process: assessment of the process			
Voting factors in Congress: political party			
Voting factors in Congress: constituents			
Voting factors in Congress: the administration			
Voting factors in Congress: pressure groups			
Voting factors in Congress: colleagues and staff			
Voting factors in Congress: personal beliefs			
Increased partisanship in Congress			
Oversight of the executive branch			
The public view of Congress			