European Politics and Government (SL 363)
Test #2 Study Guide – Great Britain

Each test will consist of a mix of objective questions drawn from both the lectures and reading for each section of the course. The following list will offer you significant guidance in studying for this exam. Keep in mind that this is a guide, not as an exhaustive list, although I have tried to be thorough. All material from the course is fair game. For each term/concept you should understand both what it is and why it is significant.

Glorious Revolution (1688)  
Reform Acts  
1945 General Election  
National Health Service (NHS)  
Suez Crisis (1956)  
Elements of Thatcherism (e.g., monetarism)  
Devolution  
Reform of House of Lords  
Backbenchers  
Question Time  
Shadow Cabinet  
Parliamentary Select Committees  
Cabinet Committees  
Ministerial Responsibility  
Tony Blair  
Granita Meeting  
Clause Four (Labour Party Constitution)  
Conservatives (“Tories”)  
Euroskeptics  
Charles Kennedy  
Scottish Nationalist Party  
Social Democratic Party  
Ulster Unionist and Democratic Unionist Parties  
Good Friday Agreement  
Quangos  
Nature of British General Election Campaigns  
Britain and the Single Currency (euro)  
Britain’s Comparative Economic Performance  
(Postwar Period and Current Day)  
Bill of Rights (1689)  
Beveridge Report (1942)  
Postwar Consensus (“Butskellism”)  
Keynesianism  
Winter of Discontent (1978-79)  
Sources of the Constitution  
Key Constitutional Principles  
General Election (What it is and when it occurs)  
Parliamentary Committees (Standing & Select)  
Life Peers vs. Hereditary Peers  
Elected Dictatorship  
Collective Responsibility  
Permanent Secretary  
Principles Guiding British Civil Service  
Gordon Brown  
Labour (and New Labour)  
David Cameron  
‘One Nation’ Tories  
Liberal Democrats  
Menzies Campbell  
Welsh Nationalists (Plaid Cymru)  
Minor Parties (Greens, UKIP, BNP, etc.)  
Social Dem. and Labour Party and Sinn Fein  
Ulster Volunteer Force and IRA  
Permanent Campaign  
Party Dealignment  
National Identity within the UK  
Bank of England and ‘Operational Independence’