

Department of English

Module: B.A.G., Level: Master II, civ-lit

**First Term Exam 2026: A Model Answer**

**The question:** Examine the respective benefits and disadvantages of unitary and federal forms of government.

**The Answer:** A comparative essay

**Title: 1 pt.**

**Introduction: 3 pts**

- The frame of reference and grounds of comparison should be clear.
- Clearly state the thesis statement
- Clarify the points to be tackled in the body

**The Body: 10pts**

- The body has to be partitioned into paragraphs
- Each paragraph has to contain a core idea (topic sentence) with an explanation and illustration.
- The organizational scheme of the body can be either paragraph by paragraph or point by point.

**Key ideas:**

- **The British Unitary System:**
  - **Basic Features and principles.**
  - **Devolution**
  - **Advantages vs. Disadvantages**
- **The American Federal System:**
  - **Basic Features and principles.**
  - **Advantages vs. Disadvantages**

**Conclusion: 3 pts.**

It needs to contain a brief summary of the analysis/ results covered in the essay.

**Writing style: 3 pts.**

**N.B.:** spelling and grammatical mistakes are taken into consideration.

