

**At the end of 2019, which party (Conservative or Labour) was more internally divided?**

Before you start writing you need to establish your overall view. This is essential to get a Level 5 as the mark scheme asks for “fully effective arguments and judgements, which are consistently substantiated and lead to fully focused and justified conclusions.”

**Introduction**

During 2019 both the Conservative and Labour Parties saw significant internal divisions on policies. Indeed, these disputes were so great that a significant number of sitting MPs left their parties to join the new Change UK Party and/or the Liberal Democrats. For the Conservatives, the most fractious policy dispute was over Brexit, which was undoubtedly damaging as it saw Theresa May and Boris Johnson defeated on their EU Withdrawal Bills as many Conservative MPs rebelled against their leadership. Labour also saw divisions over Brexit, but it did not appear as damaging. Nevertheless, Labour was more internally divided on a range of policy areas such as the economy and welfare. As a result, I think that the Labour internal divisions were greater in 2019.

**Brexit**

Starter sentence:

The Conservatives have traditionally experienced greater and more damaging internal division over the issue of EU than Labour and this continued to be the case in 2019. Labour did suffer some problems over Brexit.....

However, the Conservative factions and disagreements were far sharper.

(try to sum up the paragraph at the end)

**Economy**

Starter sentence:

On the issue of the economy, Labour divisions were far greater. The Conservatives have seen some issues as One Nation Conservatives and disagreed with Thatcherite principles over the economy.....

However, in 2019 there seemed a general consensus and agreement amongst the Conservatives. In contrast, Labour divisions were far greater as Jeremy Corbyn’s radical plans caused concern among Blairite figures.

(try to sum up the paragraph at the end)

**Welfare or Law & Order**

**Conclusion**

In the conclusion, I need to sum up my overall view again (although this should be apparent within the essay).

The biggest problem that I will have with my essay is that I am saying that over Brexit the Conservatives were more divided, but I still want to argue that overall Labour divisions were greater. How can I do this?