

# Political Compass Test Questions Support

Page 1 of 6 some hypothetical statements or positions **additions are explanations to assist you**

If economic globalisation is inevitable, it should primarily serve the human race rather than the interests of multinational businesses or corporations.

**Economic globalization is the increasing world integration through trade, money and knowledge**

I'd always support my country, whether it was right or wrong.

No one chooses his or her country of birth, so it's foolish to be proud of it.

Our race has many superior qualities, compared with other races.

The enemy of my enemy is my friend.

Military action that defies international law is sometimes justified.

**International laws are laws that govern between countries and nations, example United Nations or maritime law (seas)**

The amount of merging or mixing together of information and entertainment going on today is a concern.

Page 2 of 6

People are ultimately divided more by class than by nationality.

**Nationality is country of citizenship – class refers to social class example lower class or upper class.**

Controlling inflation is more important than controlling unemployment.

**Inflation is the increase in prices or the decline in the purchasing power of money, caused by an increase in available money and credit beyond the amount of available goods and services.**

Because corporations cannot be trusted to voluntarily protect the environment, they require regulation.

**Regulations are laws that help monitor the actions of the corporation.**

"from each according to his ability, to each according to his need" is a fundamentally good idea.

**Means that every person should contribute to society to the best of his ability and consume from society in proportion to his needs, regardless of how much he has contributed.**

It's a sad reflection on our society that something as basic as drinking water is now a bottled, branded consumer product.

Land shouldn't be a commodity to be bought and sold. **A commodity is something that can be bought or sold.**

It is regrettable that many personal fortunes are made by people who simply manipulate money and contribute nothing to their society.

Protectionism is sometimes necessary in trade.

**Protectionism is the economic policy of restraining trade between nations, through methods such as taxes on imported goods, restrictive quotas, and a variety of other restrictive government regulations designed to discourage imports. This protects your home market.**

The only social responsibility of a company should be to deliver a profit to its shareholders.

**A shareholder is a person who invests in a company.**

The rich are too highly taxed.

Those with the ability to pay should have the right to higher standards of medical care.

Governments should penalise businesses that mislead the public.

A genuine free market requires restrictions on the ability of predator multinationals to create monopolies.

**Free market is an economy free from government interference. Monopoly is the situation where there is a single seller of a product (i.e., a good or service) for which there are no close substitutes. They are the only one and therefore can set the rates at whatever price, set rules and so on.**

The freer the market, the freer the people.

**Page 3 of 6** some personal and social values

Abortion, when the woman's life is not threatened, should always be illegal.

All authority should be questioned.

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

**This statement goes back to the bible when a person who has taken the eye of another in a fight is instructed to give his own eye in compensation. This is a way to look at punishment.**

Taxpayers should not be expected to financially assist any theatres or museums that cannot survive on a commercial basis.

Schools should not make classroom attendance compulsory.

All people have their rights, but it is better for all of us that different sorts of people should keep to their own kind.

Good parents sometimes have to spank their children.

It's natural for children to keep some secrets from their parents.

Possessing marijuana for personal use should not be a criminal offence.

The main function of schooling should be to equip the future generation to find jobs.

People with serious inheritable disabilities should not be allowed to reproduce.

The most important thing for children to learn is to accept discipline.

There are no savage and civilised peoples; there are only different cultures.

Those who are able to work, and refuse the opportunity, should not expect society's support.

When you are troubled, it's better not to think about it, but to keep busy with more cheerful things.

First-generation immigrants can never be fully integrated within their new country.

What's good for the most successful corporations is always, ultimately, good for all of us.

No news station, television or radio station, however independent (non biased) its content, should receive public funding.

**Page 4 of 6** how you see wider society

Our civil liberties (freedoms as citizens) are being excessively limited in the name of fighting the threat of terrorism.

A significant advantage of a one-party government is that it avoids all the arguments that delay progress in a democratic political system.

Although the electronic age makes official surveillance easier, only wrongdoers need to be worried.

The death penalty should be an option for the most serious crimes.

In a civilised society, one must always have people above to be obeyed and people below to be commanded.

Abstract art that doesn't represent anything shouldn't be considered art at all.

In criminal justice, punishment should be more important than rehabilitation.

**Rehabilitation is helping to change someone so they can contribute to society or essentially be healthier or better functioning.**

It is a waste of time to try to rehabilitate some criminals.

**Rehabilitation is helping to change someone so they can contribute to society or essentially be healthier or better functioning.**

The businessperson and the manufacturer are more important than the writer and the artist.

Mothers may have careers, but their first duty is to be homemakers.

Multinational companies are unethically exploiting the plant genetic resources of developing countries.

**Exploiting is using and taking advantage of something.**

Making peace with the establishment is an important aspect of maturity.

**The establishment generally means the government.**

**Page 5 of 6** some ideas about religion

Astrology accurately explains many things.

**Astrology is the study of the positions and aspects of stars and celestial bodies in the belief that they have an influence on the course of natural earthly occurrences and human affairs.**

You cannot be moral without being religious.

Charity is better than social security as a means of helping the genuinely disadvantaged.

Some people are naturally unlucky.

It is important that my child's school teaches religious values.

**Page 6 of 6** some ideas about sex

Sex outside marriage is usually immoral (wrong and corrupt).

A same sex couple in a stable, loving relationship should not be excluded from the possibility of child adoption.

Pornography, depicting consenting adults, should be legal for the adult population.

What goes on in a private bedroom between consenting adults is no business of the government.

No one can feel naturally homosexual.

These days openness about sex has gone too far.