

Topic Check List-1. Democracy

For each of the following key terms, issues or questions, check your understanding and tick it off when you think you fully know, understand and can explain it or answer it.

Key Issue	Associated Questions	Understood?
1.1 Democracy/ Current Systems of Direct/ Representative Democracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is meant by power, authority and legitimacy? • What is the nature of democracy? • What is meant by direct and representative democracy? • What are the strengths and weaknesses of direct and representative democracies? • Describe current systems of direct/ representative democracy. • What are the similarities/ differences of direct/ representative democracy? 	
1.2 A wider franchise and debates over suffrage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the key milestones in the widening of the franchise in relation to class, gender, ethnicity and age, including the 1832 Great Reform Act and the 1918, 1928 and 1969 Representation of the People Acts? • How did the suffragists/suffragettes work to extend the Franchise? • Explain the work of a current movement to extend the franchise and the debate around this. 	
1.3 Pressure groups and other influences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do different pressure groups exert influence and why do their methods and influence vary in contemporary politics? • Describe the Case studies of two different pressure groups, highlighting examples of how their methods and influence vary. • Explain how other collective organisations and groups including think tanks, lobbyists and corporations, try to exert their influence on government and Parliament and evaluate their success. 	
1.4 Rights in Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the major milestones in their development, including the significance of Magna Carta and more recent developments, including the Human Rights Act 1998 and Equality Act 2010. • Explain and assess the debates on the extent, limits and tensions within the UK's rights-based culture, including consideration of how individual and collective right may conflict, the contributions from civil liberties pressure groups –including the work of two contemporary civil liberties pressure groups 	

Key Words-Traffic light the words/ terms to show your understanding and confidence in using them.

Power	Authority	Legitimacy	Accountability
Democracy	Athenian	Parliament	Government
Candidate	Party	MP	Election
Electorate	Direct Democracy	Representative Democracy	EU
Devolution	Legislature	Executive	Judiciary
Franchise	Campaign	Civil Disobedience	Lobbying
Electoral Reform	Political Participation	Liberal Democracy	Referendum
Democratic Deficit	Enhance Democracy	Representation	Check and Balance
Citizenship	Scandal	Disenchantment	Pressure Group
Rights based culture	Rights	Responsibilities	Majority
Constitutional development	Provision	Suffrage	Social Contract
Partisan Dealignment	Constitutional Reform	Referendum	Constituency
Functional Representation	Causal Representation	Disengagement	Think Tanks
Corruption/ Abuse of Power	Insider/ Outsider	Ideology	Sectional/ Promotional (Cause)
Social Movements	Conventional Politics	Lobbyists	Pluralism
Elitism	Collective Rights	Individual Rights	ECHR
Corporations	Influence		