

## Topic Check List-Elections

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?
Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elections and democracy, A knowledge and understanding of how and why elections promote democracy and of the limitations of this democratic role which relate to the system.</li> </ul>	
First Past the Post System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding of why this system remains in use in the UK.</li> <li>Understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of this system in the UK.</li> <li>Ability to evaluate the case for reform of this system and also the case for retaining FPTP.</li> </ul>	
Majoritarian Representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What types of system promote majoritarian representation and where they are used in the UK.</li> <li>Strengths and weaknesses of the SV system used to elect Mayors</li> </ul>	
Elections in the UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A knowledge and understanding of the different systems used in the UK.</li> <li>The ability to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the various election systems used in the UK to the Commons, local bodies, Devolved bodies of the UK, European Parliament and London Mayor.</li> </ul>	
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A knowledge of the purpose and different functions of elections in a general sense.</li> <li>The meaning of the word mandate and the significance of it to democracy and government in the UK</li> </ul>	
Party System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An understanding of the term party system and the correlation between electoral systems and party representation.</li> </ul>	
Strong and Stable Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How certain systems can ensure strong and stable government and the advantages and drawbacks of this.</li> </ul>	
Proportional Representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meaning of proportional representation and the impact on the party system.</li> <li>The advantages and disadvantages of proportional systems including the List System AND Single Transferrable Vote.</li> <li>Ability to evaluate the case for the use of PR in the Westminster elections.</li> </ul>	
Electoral Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Debating the strengths and weaknesses of various electoral systems. Examining the case for reforming the Westminster electoral system.</li> </ul>	
Hybrid Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding the reasoning behind using the Hybrid AMS in Wales and Scotland for their devolved bodies.</li> <li>Strengths and Weaknesses of the system.</li> </ul>	
Referendums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding of the similarities and differences between elections and referendums in the UK.</li> <li>Knowledge of case studies of the past 3 major UK referendums: AV, Scottish Independence and EU membership.</li> <li>Understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of referendum use in the UK.</li> <li>The ability to evaluate the case for introducing more referendums.</li> </ul>	

**Key Words-Tick off when you understand them-you should try and use these words in written responses.**

Election	Electoral Reform	Mandate	Legitimacy
Voting behaviour	Electoral turnout	Plurality	Simple Majority
Absolute Majority	Majoritarian System	Proportional Representation	Party Representation
Party System	Hybrid System	Jenkins Commission	Strong and stable government
Coalition government	Multi party system	Westminster System	Preferential Voting
Referendum	Tyranny of the Majority	Pluralist	Electioneering
Turnout	Safe seat	Marginal Seat	Tactical Voting
First Past the Post	Supplementary Vote	Additional Member System	Closed List/ Open List System
Single Transferrable Vote	AV+ System	Minority Government	Confidence and Supply
Additional Member System	Electoral Commission	Hung Parliament	Dissolution of Parliament