

Key terms test Unit 1

1. What is the literal meaning of the term "Democracy"?

Democracy is where people have the right to vote and voice their opinion.
- people power.

2. Explain why "Legitimacy" is a really important aspect of any democratic government and how that is achieved

Legitimacy is important because if a government is not legitimate then it does not have the people's permission to govern, so will not be an effective government and its legislation may be ~~questioned~~ completely discounted.

3. Explain how MPs are representatives not delegates

MPs are representatives because they only represent their constituents' views in Parliament, acting in their "best constituents' interests"; they do not ~~actually~~ say exactly what the people think like a delegate would do.

4. What is 'direct' democracy?

Direct democracy was the first form of democracy where people had a say in the running of a country. It originated in Athens.

~~It was~~

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but what is it?

5. List five key aspects of a liberal democracy

- Freedom of Speech ✓
 - Pluralism - multiple parties ✓
 - Head of State (Queen) ✓
 - Freedom of the Press ✓
 - Pressure groups can exist. ✓
- independent, impartial judiciary
representation, not delegation
regular elections - secret ballot
Rule of Law free and fair.

6. List four key aspects of a parliamentary democracy

- Parliamentary sovereignty ✓
 - unelected PM ✓
 - multiple parties - pluralism ✓
 - Head of State (Queen) ✓
→ unelected
- typically bicameral
PM selects executive members (Cabinet)
adversarial system
→ HM Govt + HM opposition
MP constituency link

7. Define "political participation"

Political participation is all the ways in which a citizen could get involved in his or her country's politics.
Example: voting, blogging, watching the news. ✓

8. Using an example explain what referendums are for

Referendums ~~are~~ allow the people to vote 'yes' or 'no' to an issue (if the need arises) at another time than every five years. A recent example is the UK's Alternative Vote referendum. ✓

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