

Essay style

- Answer The Question Directly
- Effective planning
- Use examples
- Essays must be cogent (intellectual) and coherent, *but* 'simplicity is genius'
- NO rhetoric (questions), just AQTD
- NO 'surely', 'basically', 'obviously'
- NO 'I think' or 'I believe'
- NO 'etc'
- NO listing items → however, evaluative paragraph links ++ such as 'therefore', 'however' = beneficial

At the root of [almost] every essay is the quality of democracy, so, essays must include references to 'accountability', 'scrutiny', 'representativeness' and 'legitimacy'.

SUBSIDANCE: Under EU governance, decisions should be made at the lowest possible level.

DE JURE: We could with draw from the EU.

DE FACTO: Practically not possible.

Democratic elements of the UK:

- elections
- opponents can question, oppose, and scrutinise
- freedom of speech
- representation of the people
- impartial Civil Service
- pluralism; multi-party system
- legitimacy
- secret ballot
- opportunities to vote in referendums should there be any
- universal suffrage (voting)
- if the government does some thing wrong, it is accountable for its actions—ministerial responsibilty

Undemocratic elements of the UK:

- unelected House of Lords
- unelected Cabinet
- unelected Head of State and Prime Minister
- secrecy
- unproportional electoral system
- party over people—too powerful
- under 18s cannot vote
- weak constituency links due to safe seats for MPs in certain constituencies