**Unit 2: The UK Parliament (SHJ)**

**Using your textbook, answer the following questions:**

**If you prefer to just make notes, then use the pages shown here to make notes from.**

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| Outline 4 key differences between Parliamentary Government and Presidential Government | **184** |
| Define the Westminster Model | **184** |
| Outline the composition of the House of Commons and the House of Lords  *e.g. House of Commons:*   * *650 members* * *Frontbenchers =* * *Backbenchers =* * *etc* | **187-190** |
| What four roles does the Monarch have in Parliament? | **191** |
| ***Extension:*** *Find out what the Queen promised in the Queen’s Speech, 4 June 2014, that opened Parliament.* | |
| Create a flow chart, with labels, the explains how a bill becomes a law in the UK | **192-194** |
| ***Extension:*** *Using this link, what other ways can bills be proposed?* [*http://www.parliament.uk/about/how/laws/bills/private-members/*](http://www.parliament.uk/about/how/laws/bills/private-members/) | |
| ***ROLES OF PARLIAMENT* - Scrutiny**: Outline the 4 key ways in which Parliament scrutinises the Government  *e.g. PMQs and Ministers Question Time – Ministers face questions in HoC. PMQs = half hour on Wed. PMQs limited scrutiny as largely theatre.* | **195-199** |
| ***Extension:*** *Google the ‘Public Accounts Committee’ in the news and find examples of their criticism of the Govt.* | |
| ***ROLES OF PARLIAMENT* - Representation**: Give examples of how diverse the current Parliament is for – Sex, Age, Ethnicity and Education | **202-203** |
| ***ROLES OF PARLIAMENT* - Recruitment of Ministers:** What are the three ways that being an MP trains you to be a Minister? | **203** |
| ***Extension:*** *Create a timeline of the roles Nicky Morgan has held since being elected in 2010* | |
| ***ROLES OF PARLIAMENT* - Legitimacy**: Define legitimacy. | **204** |
| Explain the relationship between Government and Parliament, and who dominates | 204-205 |
| ***Extension****: Using this link, identify three key rebellions the Coalition government have faced.* [*http://revolts.co.uk/?p=628*](http://revolts.co.uk/?p=628)  *Using this link, are the Coalition any weaker than a normal government?* [*http://revolts.co.uk/?p=711*](http://revolts.co.uk/?p=711) | |
| Explain, and give examples of, why the House of Lords has become more assertive since 1999 | 208-9 |
| List, with an identified example, the reforms of House of Commons that have taken place since 1997 | 209-211 |
| Outline the failed reforms of House of Lords that have been attempted since 1997 | 211-213 |
| ***Extension****: Why did Nick Clegg abandon his plans for HoL reform?* [*http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-19149212*](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-19149212) | |