**UK Constitution – Strengths and Weaknesses**

Assess – To ‘assess’ means to judge the qualities of. Therefore, in assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the UK Constitution, you should look to show what the strength weakness is (point), explain/example this, and then explain ***why*** this is a strength or weakness.

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| **Point** | **Explanation** | **Example** | **Application – This is a strength/weakness because…** |
| Strength – ACCOUNTABILITY | Accountability means to be held responsible for your actions. Parliament holds the UK government to account, and government can be held accountable every five years in elections for what they have done | In 2015, the Liberal Democrats lost all but 8 of their seats following broken promises on tuition fees. During the coalition, they promised to scrap tuition fees, and yet they put them up to £9,000 | *This is a strength because…*  A government which faces elections knows it must listen to the will of the people or face losing votes at the next election. This upholds the principle of democracy and avoids a tyrannical government |

***You complete the rest of this table using your textbook, your notes and any other politics resources (blog, Twitter, Firefly, etc)***

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| Strength – Strong Government |  |  |  |
| Strength – Flexibility |  |  |  |
| Strength – Evolution (including that rights *are* protected) |  |  |  |

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| Weakness – Elective dictatorship |  |  |  |
| Weakness – Outdated |  |  |  |
| Weakness – Lack of clarity |  |  |  |
| Weakness – Weak protection of rights |  |  |  |

Be aware, you cannot look up the answer for the final box – this is your A02 skills of analysis and evaluation. You have to show judgment and reasoning of WHY each of these strengths and weaknesses could be considered to be so.