**Unit 1: UK Election Systems (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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| 1. Define: Manifesto   Mandate  Referendum  *e.g. Manifesto: a document in which a party outlines it’s policy beliefs and what it would do if elected* | **33-34** |
| Extension: The Scottish Referendum took place in 2014. Find out what the results were including the turnout. | |
| 1. Outline the functions of an election   *e.g. Representation – electing people to represent us at Parliament* | **34-35** |
| Extension: For each of the elections listed on p38-39, find out who your local representative is. | |
| 1. Define: Majoritarian   Plurality  Proportional Representation | **39-40** |
| 1. Create a simple table to briefly show the advantages and disadvantages of First Past the Post | **45-48** |
| Extension: The General Election took place in May 2015. Find out the results in terms of seats and votes cast and the turnout. Using <http://www.wastedvotes.org/> find out how many wasted votes your constituency had | |
| 1. Complete a table as shown below on ONE SIDE of paper. A maximum of three pros and cons. | **48-55** |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **System** | **How it works** | **Pros** | **Cons** | | ***First Past the Post (FPTP)*** | *Voter puts an ‘X’ next to the candidate they want to win in an area. Person with most votes wins. Party with a majority of seats forms government* | 1. *Simple* 2. *Clear winner* 3. *Strong and stable govt – unlikely coalitions* | 1. *No majority for candidates* 2. *Wasted votes* 3. *Little choice* | | **Supplementary Vote (SV)** |  |  |  | | **Additional Member System (AMS)** |  |  |  | | **List System** |  |  |  | | **Single Transferable Vote (STV)** |  |  |  | | |
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| 1. Using the chapter and your own judgment, outline three arguments why we should reform FPTP and three arguments why we should not. This might help - <http://www.conservativeelectoralreform.org/Voting-Systems/FPTP.htm> | **57** |
| Extension: Using these links, outline what changes there would have been under differing systems.   * <http://home.bt.com/news/news-extra/maps-reveal-how-uk-would-look-if-2015-general-election-votes-had-been-measured-differently-11363984350764> * <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2015-32601281> | |