**Paper 1: Electoral Systems (SHJ) (pages 48-66)**

**Using your textbook READ pages 48-66, and then make notes on the following:**

Remember the advice given on your first sheet (or look at it again!) to help you. Notes are meant to be **brief** and usefully presented so that YOU can revise from them next year as well as demonstrate understanding and gain a base of knowledge for the coming topic of study.

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| 1. Define **in your own words**:   • Majoritarian • Proportional representation • Plurality • Referendum  • Devolution • Election | **Chapter 3** |
| 1. Briefly outline the functions of an election and give and give an example **from your own knowledge** | **48-49** |
| *Extension:* Using the graphs and tables in the link below, what comments can we make about the 2017 election?  [*https://data.london.gov.uk/apps\_and\_analysis/the-2017-general-election-the-numbers-behind-the-result/*](https://data.london.gov.uk/apps_and_analysis/the-2017-general-election-the-numbers-behind-the-result/)  Remember this is ANALYSIS – looking at the AO1 knowledge and trying to analyse its meaning… | |
| 1. Complete the following table:  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **How the system works** | **Advantages** | **Disadvantages** | **Last time it was used and result** | | FPTP |  |  |  | | AMS |  |  |  | | STV |  |  |  | | SV |  |  |  | | **49-56** |
| *Extension: Add an extra row to this table explaining the ‘List’ system used for EU elections* | |
| 1. For each of the systems in the table above, are they proportional, majoritarian or plurality systems? Give an example to support your answer. |  |
| 1. Do the results of the 2010, 2015 and 2017 elections suggest FPTP does not need reform? (Max. 200 words)   *Remember, these are YOUR notes. If you want to bullet this then that’s ok, but it must still SHOW YOUR ARGUMENT, not just describe.* |  |
| 1. Which system would be the best replacement for FPTP and why? (Max 100 words) |  |
| *Extension: Look at the website and campaigns of the Electoral Reform Society. What kind of pressure group do you think they are, and do they have much chance of success?* | |
| 1. Explain the reasons for the government choosing to hold a referendum. | **58-59** |
| 1. Pick three arguments for referenda, and three arguments against. What counter-argument can you make for each of the points that you have picked? | **60-61** |
| *Exam skills: “Evaluate the extent to which the increased use of referendums would improve democracy in the UK”. For this question, can you ‘unpack’ the question:*   * *what are the key words/phrases in here? Explain the relevance of each.* * *what further questions might you have about this question?* * *why is this question important in recent context?* |  |
| 1. Read pages 62-65. Do you think electoral reform in the UK has been successful? (Max 200 words) | **62-65** |
| *Extension: Thatcher referred to referendums as* “a device of dictators and demagogues”. *What do you think she meant by this?* | |