Parliament Comprehension Homework

1. What are the three main functions of parliament?

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1. What is the legislative process in the House of Commons?

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1. What is a vote of no confidence and when was it last used successfully?

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1. What are backbenchers?

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1. What are frontbenchers?

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1. What is the role of the speaker?

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1. What is a whip and what are they responsible for?

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1. What is meant by an MP having the whip withdrawn?

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1. What is the role of the opposition?

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1. What are the four types of peers in the HL?

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1. What is the King’s Speech?

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1. What powers limit the Lords – 3 please

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1. The Commons has supreme legislative power. True/False

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| 1. What is a select committee?
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1. How did the Wright Reforms change these? Be specific

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| 1. What remains a weakness with Select Committees?

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1. What is a public bill committee?

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1. What are the strengths of public bill committees?

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1. What is the weakness of public bill committees?

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1. What is the Primary Liaison Committee

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1. What is the standards and privileges committee and why was it important in Johnson’s resignation

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1. Give 3 examples of a select committee holding government to account effectively?

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1. What are the key strengths of the Lords legislative function?

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1. What is its key weakness?

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1. What is parliamentary ping pong and give an example from 2024

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| 1. Why are governments unlikely to be defeated in the Commons. Give an example from both Johnson and Blair

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1. What is a three line whip

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1. On what did Truss initially call a three line whip claiming but then back down?
2. Give three ways in which the Commons fulfils its representative function well. Think different models of representation

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1. Give three ways in which Commons fails to fulfil its descriptive representative function effectively?

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| 1. Give two other ways in which Parliament fails to fulfil its representative function?
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1. What impact has social media had on representation?

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| 1. Give three strengths of parliament’s legislative function??

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1. Give three weaknesses of parliaments legislative function?

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1. What are urgent questions?

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1. Give three strengths of PMQs

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1. Give three weaknesses of PMQs

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1. Why may the Lords be better at performing its scrutiny function than the Commons?

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1. What is the counter argument to 38?

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1. Why might the Lords be better at performing its legislative function than the Commons

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1. Give 3 functions of backbenchers?

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