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 What is meant by an MP having the whip withdrawn?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?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What is a public bill committee?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What are the strengths of public bill committees?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What is the weakness of public bill committees?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What is the Primary Liaison Committee  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  |  1. What is the standards and privileges committee and why was it important in Johnson’s resignation  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  |  1. Give 3 examples of a select committee holding government to account effectively?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What are the key strengths of the Lords legislative function?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What is its key weakness?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What is parliamentary ping pong and give an example from 2024  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | | 1. Why are governments unlikely to be defeated in the Commons. Give an example from both Johnson and Blair  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What is a three line whip  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  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  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Give three ways in which Commons fails to fulfil its descriptive representative function effectively?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | 1. Give two other ways in which Parliament fails to fulfil its representative function? | |  | |  | |  |  1. What impact has social media had on representation?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | | 1. Give three strengths of parliament’s legislative function??  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Give three weaknesses of parliaments legislative function?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What are urgent questions?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Give three strengths of PMQs  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Give three weaknesses of PMQs  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Why may the Lords be better at performing its scrutiny function than the Commons?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What is the counter argument to 38?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Why might the Lords be better at performing its legislative function than the Commons  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Give 3 functions of backbenchers?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | | |