

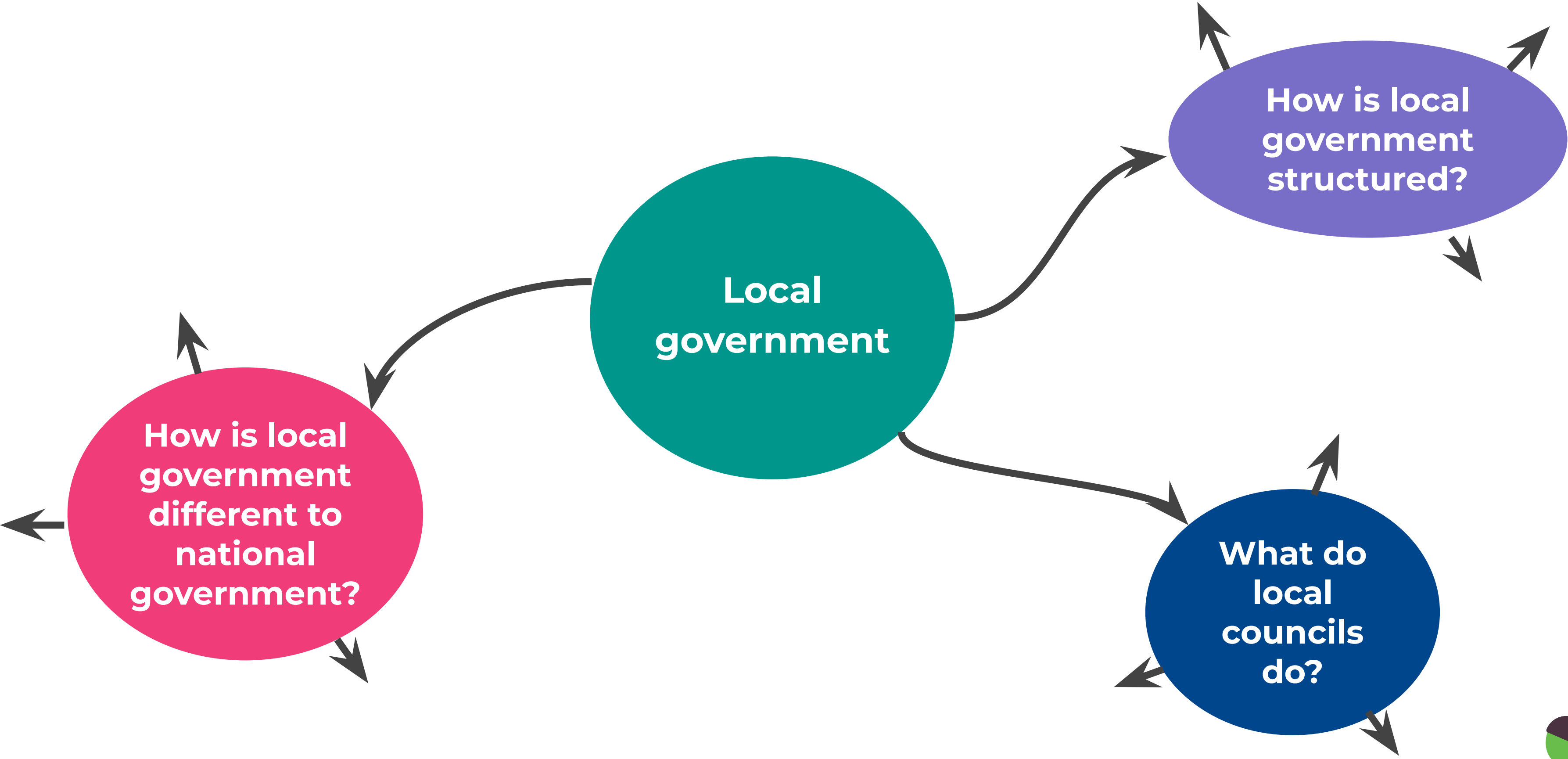
Citizenship - Practising what we have learnt

How would I respond to an exam question about local government?

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Task 1 : mind map of key learning for the unit – local government



Task 3 – Decide whether these statements show that local councils are *powerful* or *powerless*.

Local government provide important services to residents like rubbish collection and recycling. Without this diseases would easily spread.

Issues like national defence and foreign policy that are very important get decided by central government.

New laws are put in place by central government, through Acts of Parliament. Local councils don't get to make laws, they just have to implement them in local areas.

Local councils know their areas and councillors are community leaders. People know them. The solutions they create are often discussed by local people and likely to reflect their wishes.

Each week thousands of people write to their local councils and turn up to council meetings to make their views heard. Why would they do that, if councils didn't have any power?

Very few people know who the council leader is and not many know who their local councillors are. Everyone knows who the Prime Minister is and central government gets lots of media attention



Task 3

Powerful	Powerless

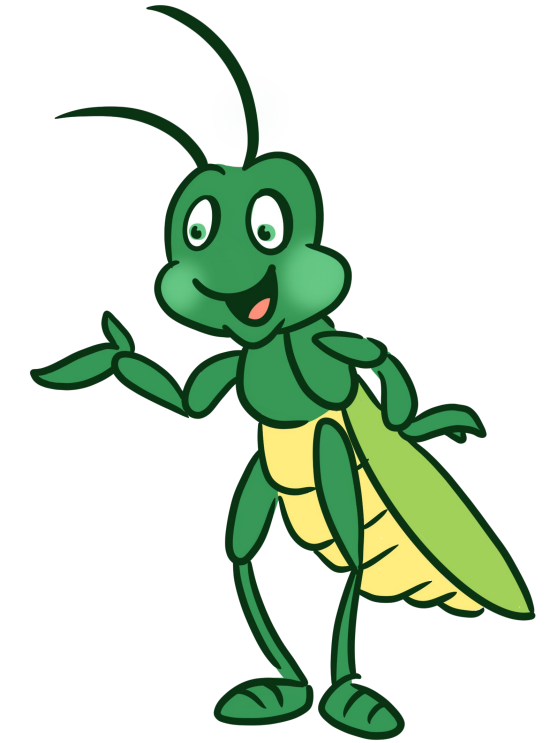


Using BUG to analyse an exam question

Box around the command word/s

Underline key words/phrases

Glance back at the question regularly



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'Local government is powerless in comparison to central government'.

Considering a range of views, to what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?



Essay structure reminders

Introduction

- Set the scene
- 'For' viewpoint
- 'Against' viewpoint

Arguments for/against

- Point
- Evidence
- Explain

Conclusion

- Opening statement
- Evaluate
- Decide



Essay sentence starters

Opposition – ‘but’

- However
- Instead
- Although
- In contrast
- Whereas
- Nevertheless
- On the other hand
- Some people do not believe

Reinforcing – ‘and’

- Furthermore
- In addition
- Also
- Besides
- Moreover
- One reason is
- A further point is
- Many people believe that

Explaining – ‘so’

- For example
- For instance
- In other words
- In turn
- First of all
- Finally
- In conclusion
- It is clear that

