

W201 The Individual and the State

Separation of powers questionnaire

1. Draw a diagram using circles (which may overlap if necessary) - marked executive legislature and judiciary - to represent the constitutional position in the UK.

2. Which came first, the UK Constitution or the doctrine of the separation of powers?

3. Can you give an example of an office of state whose holder plays a prominent part in all three organs of state?

4. In Britain what laws or conventions guarantee the independence of the judiciary?

5. Which of the following fundamental legal values would you associate with the separation of powers?

legal certainty
equality
democratic legitimacy

personal liberty
due process of law
fidelity to established authority