Chapter 5

**Knowledge based**

1. What are the four traits that define modern democracy? Can a regime be democratic if only one attribute is missing?
2. What are the main differences between the president of a parliamentary democracy and the president of a presidential democracy?
3. Which features distinguish a majoritarian democracy from a consensus democracy?
4. Are theories explaining transitions to democracy also useful to explain democratic breakdowns?
5. Why do democracies emerge in ‘waves’?

**Critical thinking**

1. Is presidential or parliamentary democracy a better choice for newly democratic regimes?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of consensus vis-à-vis majoritarian democracy?
3. Which configuration of conditions (economic, social, institutional, political, and international) would create the most adverse historical context for the survival of a democratic regime?
4. Which of those conditions would be, in your opinion, the most important factor for the survival of democracy?
5. Provide three reasons for why resident aliens should be granted the right to vote, and three reasons for why they should not be granted the right to vote in a democratic country.