Chapter 13

**Knowledge based**

1. What are the National and Industrial Revolutions?
2. What are Stein Rokkan’s four main social cleavages and which party families emerged from them?
3. How should the number of parties in a system be counted?
4. What are the characteristic features of a two-party system?
5. What does ‘effective number of parties’ mean?

**Critical thinking**

1. What is the effect of electoral systems on the shape of party systems?
2. What does it mean when we say that parties are ‘vote-maximizers’?
3. Describe centripetal and centrifugal party competition in Downs’s model.
4. Are voters really rational?
5. Can the space of competition be reduced to one left–right dimension?