Chapter 18

**Knowledge based**

1. What are the three principal sites of participation and what are the three principal modes of participation?
2. What is the ‘paradox of collective action’?
3. What are the solutions to the paradox of collective action?
4. Why is union membership higher in Ghent systems?
5. What are the five different types of micro-level factors for participation? Give examples for each.

**Critical thinking**

1. Why do people participate in politics?
2. Which factors are known to increase levels of turnout?
3. Do you think that low turnout rates are a threat to democracy?
4. Why do political entrepreneurs sometimes initiate social movements, sometimes build interest organizations, and sometimes found parties?
5. Should theories of collective action start from the premise that participation is a ‘cost’ or should theories reverse the premise and treat participation as a ‘benefit’?