

Exercise walk-through

The English Civil War and the Glorious Revolution ■ 3.2

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You must be able to

- state the constitutional question the conflict decided
- explain the role of religion and of finance in the conflict
- describe what the settlement established
- distinguish the settlement from a modern democracy

Method — The question

Whether the crown could tax, legislate and maintain force without parliamentary consent. The conflict decided that it could not.

Method — Religion and finance

Religious policy and fiscal demands were the two arenas in which the question arose: attempts to impose worship and to raise revenue without consent produced the same objection from the same body.

Method — What was established

A monarchy limited by law, with parliamentary control over taxation and a standing army only by consent, and rights guaranteed against arbitrary action.

Method — Not a democracy

The franchise remained narrow and property-based; the settlement transferred power from the crown to a propertied parliament, not to the population.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the constitutional question the conflict decided.

Solution 2.1

Method: The question

Worked steps

whether the crown could tax, legislate and maintain force without parliamentary consent **B1**; the conflict decided that it could not **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Explain how religion and finance produced the same objection.

Solution 2.2

Method: Religion and finance

Worked steps

both were attempts to act without consent **B1**, so the same body raised the same objection in each case **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

A student calls the settlement “the beginning of democracy”.

- (a) State why this is inaccurate.
- (b) State a more accurate formulation.

Solution 2.3

Method: Not a democracy

Worked steps

(a) the franchise remained narrow and property-based **B1**. (b) a formulation describing a transfer from crown to propertied parliament **B2**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The settlement placed control of taxation with

A the crown alone

B parliament

C the church

D the army

Solution 3.1

Method: What was established

A the crown alone

B parliament



C the church

D the army

Worked steps

B. parliamentary control over taxation was central.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The franchise after the settlement was

- A** universal
- B** narrow and property-based
- C** abolished
- D** granted to all men

Solution 3.2

Method: Not a democracy

- A universal
- B narrow and property-based 
- C abolished
- D granted to all men

Worked steps

B. property qualifications remained.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A ruler attempts to maintain a standing army without consent.

- (a) State what the settlement required.
- (b) Explain why the army was treated like taxation.

Solution 3.3

Method: What was established

Worked steps

(a) consent for a standing army **B1**. (b) an army maintained without consent gives the crown means to act without parliament **B1**, which is the same danger as revenue raised without consent **B1**.