

Solutions

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

- authority derives from God and is answerable to God alone, so it is not subject to subjects' consent

2.2

- any two of: exemption from much taxation; monopoly of high office; confirmed authority over peasants

2.3

(a)

- distance, poor communication or the cost of enforcement

(b)

- that absolutist power was limited in practice however it was described in theory

3.1 B

- divine sanction with no earthly check is the claim

3.2 B

- elites exchanged political power for privilege

3.3

(a)

- independent political power

(b)

- noble cooperation was needed to govern the provinces, and exemption bought it more cheaply than coercion