

1.1 Power and legitimacy: supported rehearsal

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Total: 6 marks

Objective

Supported preparation: Explain power relationships using concepts; Compare source claims and perspectives against evidence. This is original rehearsal, not completion of the assessed task.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

Power concerns capacity to shape action, resources and agendas. Legitimacy concerns accepted justification for authority; it differs from popularity or formal power alone. Evaluate a source for a question through origin, purpose, content and evidence, not an automatic interested= false rule.

Original source / task evidence

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Separate what is stated from the interpretation.
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2 Practice

2.1 For the worked case, identify the evidence and a conclusion it can support. Explain one material limit. [3]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Everyone may speak, but one funder sets the agenda. Explain the different forms of influence. Give a reasoned answer, evidence or method, and a relevant qualification. [3]

Solutions

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3.1 Formal participation permits speech while agenda control determines which issues reach a decision. Compare actual proposals considered, funding conditions and responses to excluded concerns. Equal formal rights do not establish equal practical influence or accepted legitimacy. Authored points for a relevant judgement, reason tied to the case and justified qualification or method. Accept a supported alternative.