Making texts cohere: further practice with cohesion.

In these four descriptions below of key concepts in politics you must choose between two or more cohesive elements – discourse markers or substitute pronouns – the expression(s) which can go in the parts (1)-(13) below. Sometimes more than one of the expressions provided is suitable.

You can check the answers below (highlighted in yellow).

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