‘Explain the view that a theocracy is a bad political system’. (6 marks)

One reason for thinking that a theocracy is a bad political system is that it does not allow freedom to make many personal life choices. For example, Saudi Arabia is a theocracy and it is illegal there to convert from Islam to any other religion. This would make life very difficult for someone who wanted to do this and limits their human rights.

Another reason is that religious teachings can be interpreted subjectively. For example, some Christians are against the use of contraception and others are not. Therefore, any country governed by Christianity could change this law depending on who is in charge at the time.

A final reason could be that it is difficult to hold the government to account. If the government are supposedly only acting on God’s behalf, then anything they do wrong has to be God’s fault and not their own fault. This can be particularly dangerous as it can turn theocracies into dictatorships or tyrannies.