

How the party system in France is different to that in Germany? Discuss in detail.

INTRODUCTION: Political System of FRANCE AND GERMANY

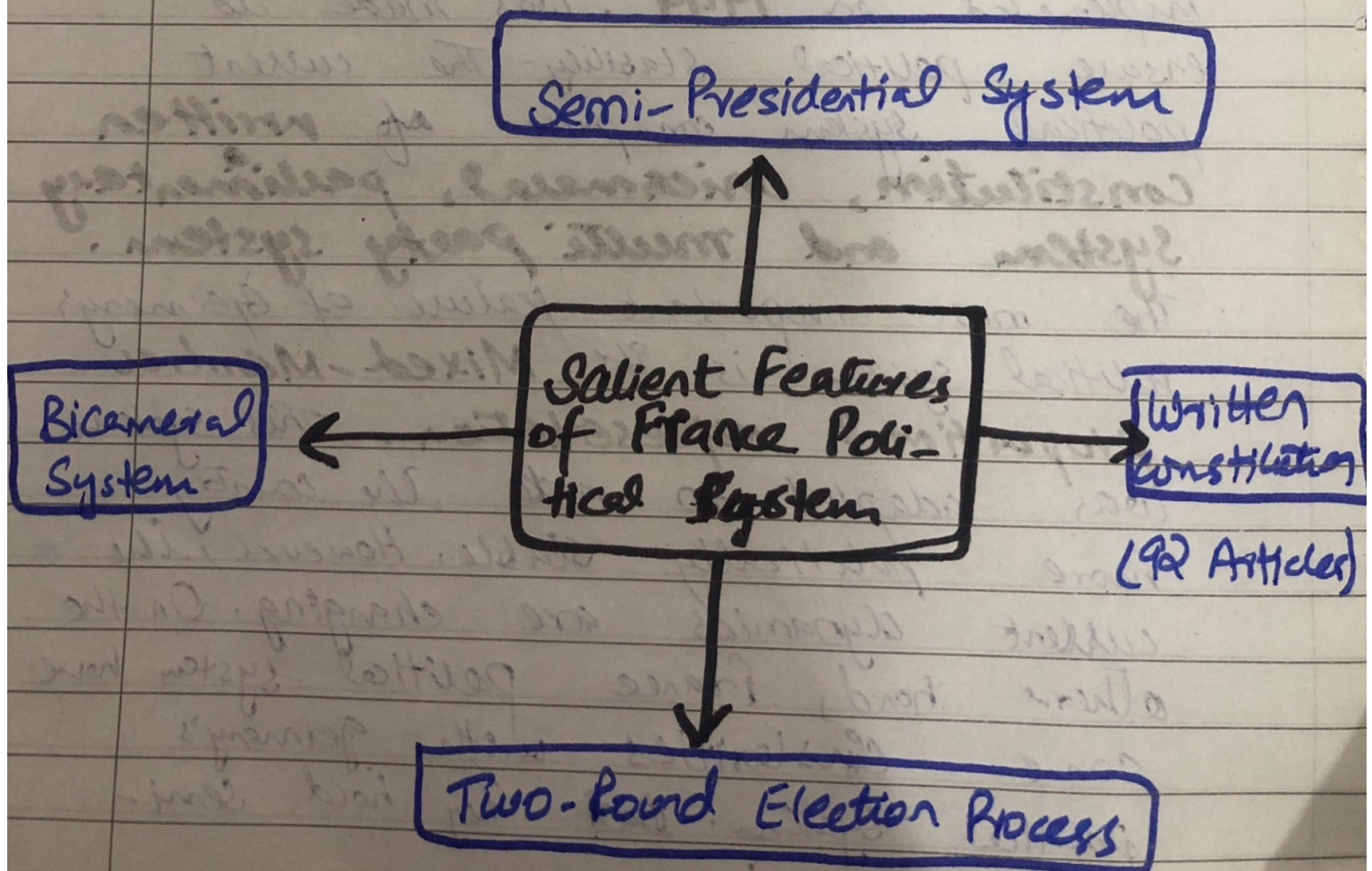
Both countries have experienced political turmoil in the history. The Germany undergoes in different constitutional framework. The recent constitution of Germany which was implemented on 1949, was made to ensure political stability. The current political system comprised of written constitution, unicameral, parliamentary system and multi party system. The most important feature of Germany's political system is its Mixed-Member proportional representation. This system was adapted to make the country more politically stable. However, the current dynamics are changing. On the other hand, France political system have some similarities with Germany's political system. But they hold semi-

presidential system. In France, there is concept of **cohabitation** government which is proposed to make the country more stable.

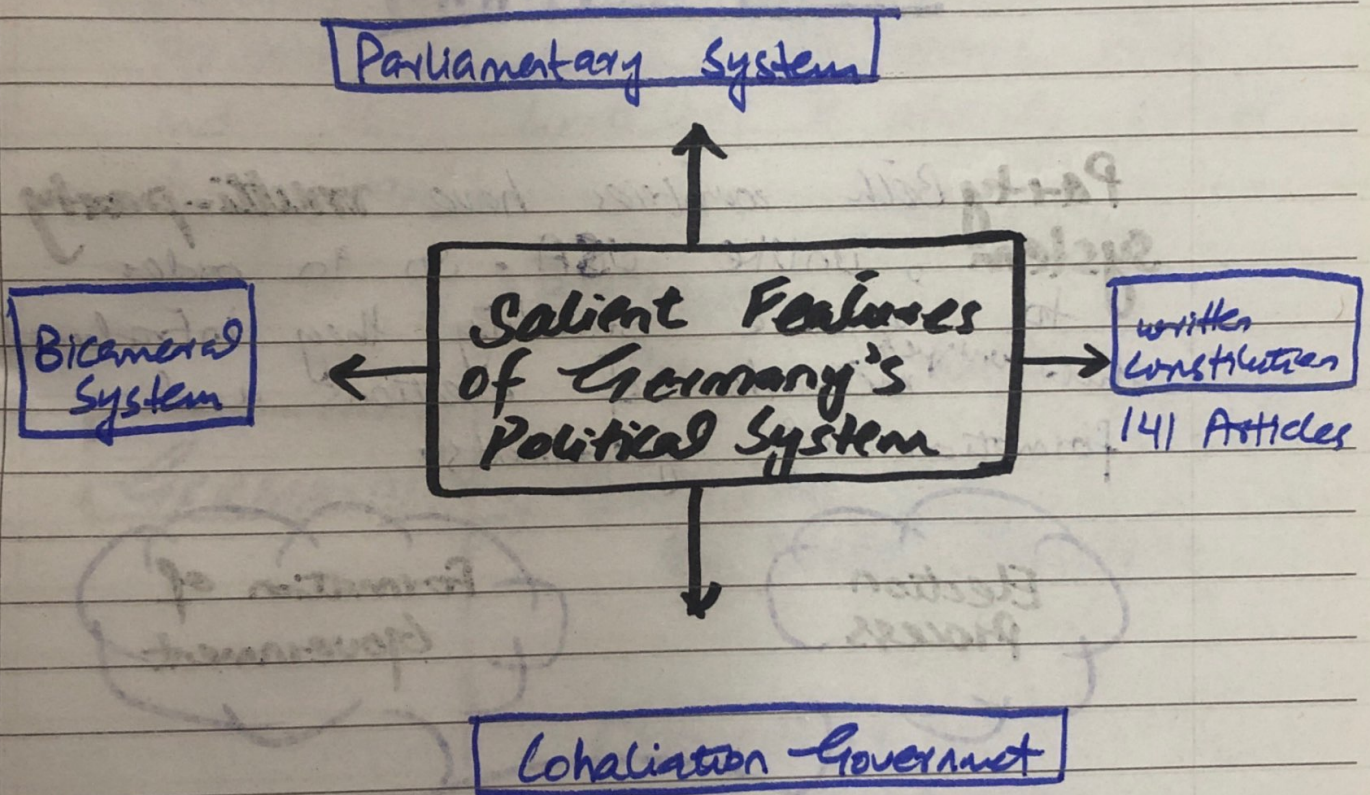
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SALIENT FEATURES OF FRANCE AND GERMANY'S POLITICAL SYSTEM

Both countries uphold following characteristics in their political systems.



In France, President appointed Prime Minister and share power with him/her. The constitution of France is written - There are two house of France : ^{lower} ~~upper~~ house and Senate. Both are elected.

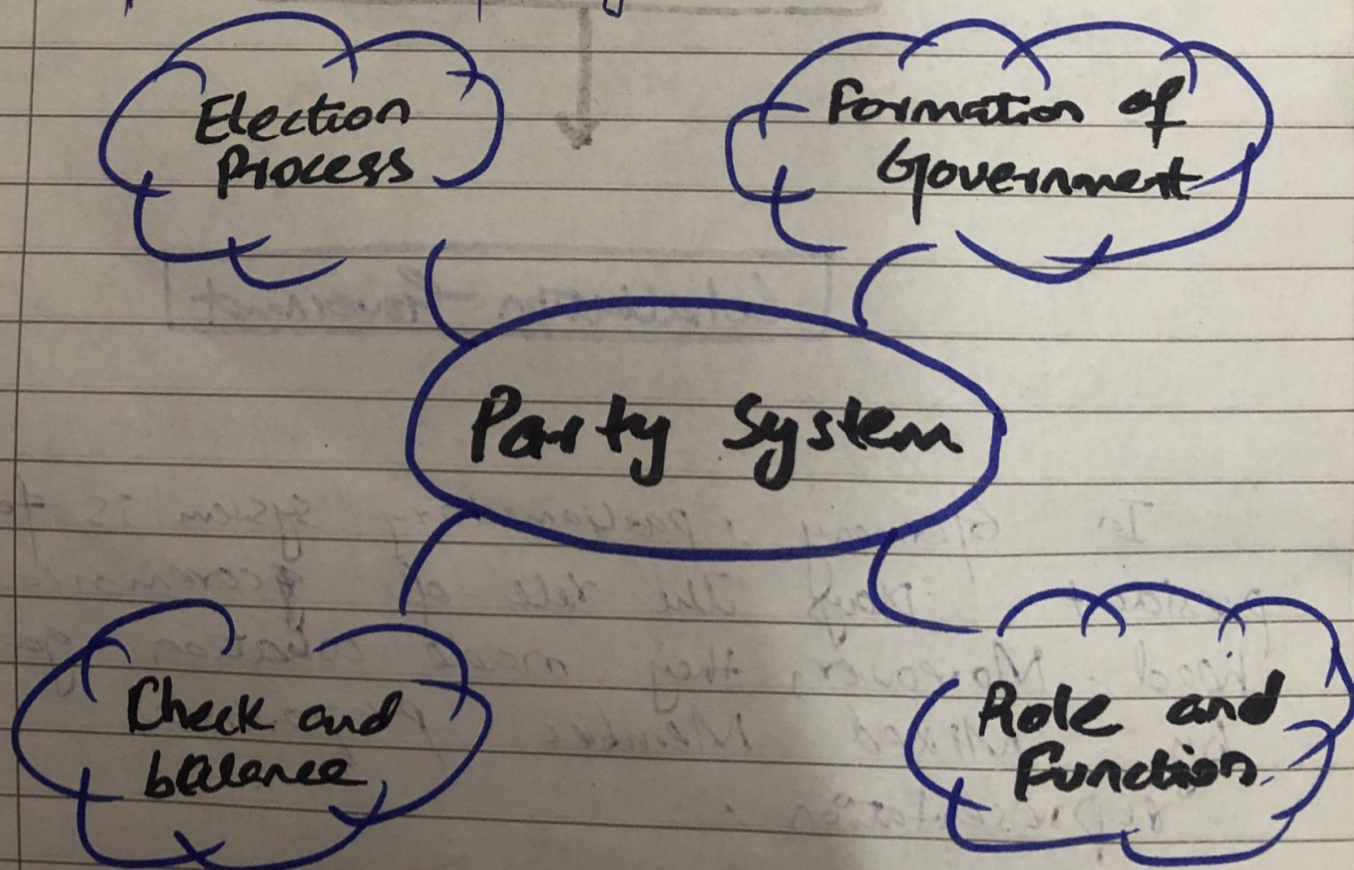


In Germany, parliamentary system is followed, president plays the role of ceremonial head. Moreover, they made coalition government by Mixed Member proportional representation.

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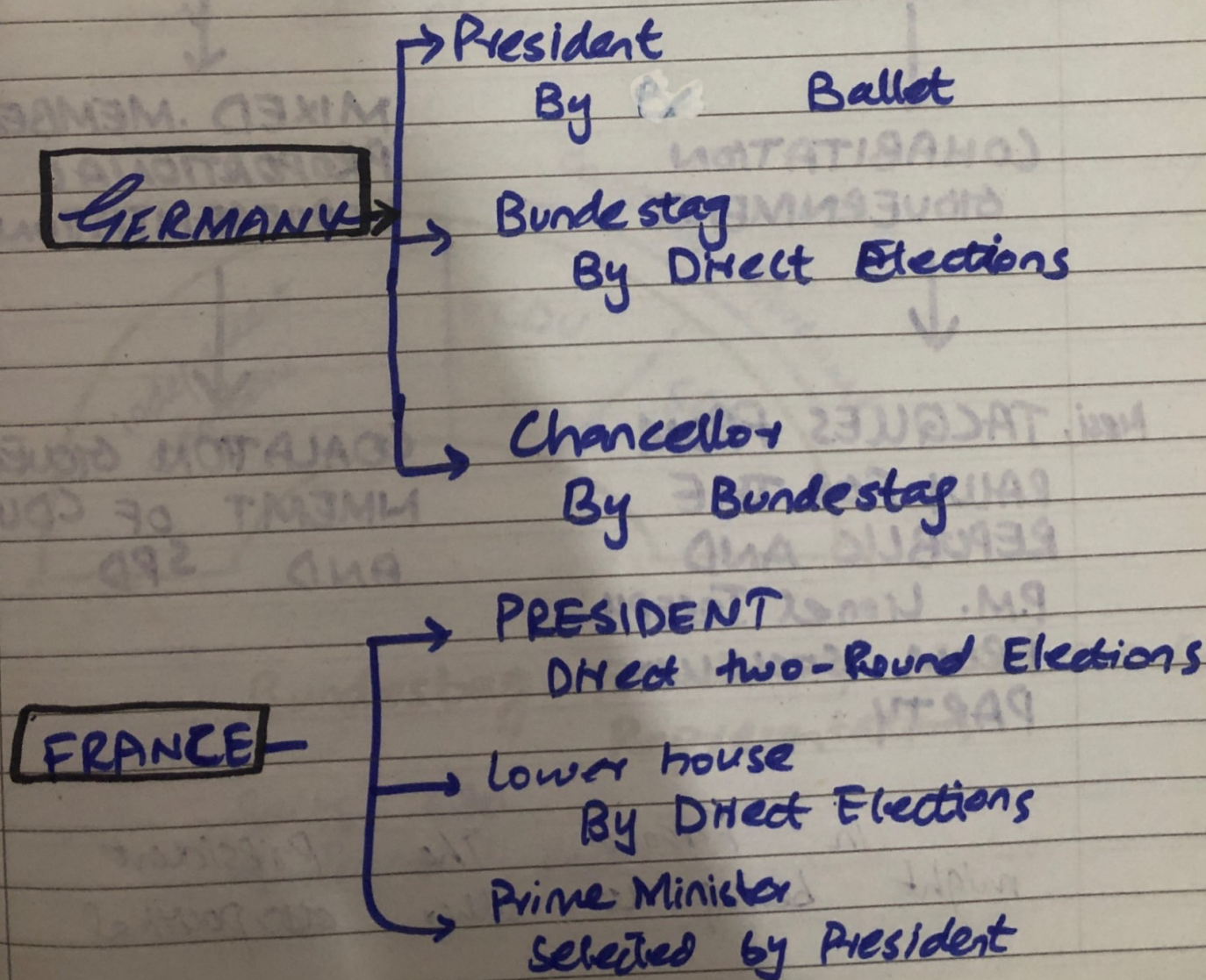
PARTY SYSTEM OF FRANCE AND HOW IT IS DIFFERENT FROM GERMANY

Both countries have **multi-party system**, unlike USA. So in order to ensure stability they introduced their ^{unique} methods of elections and formation of governments.



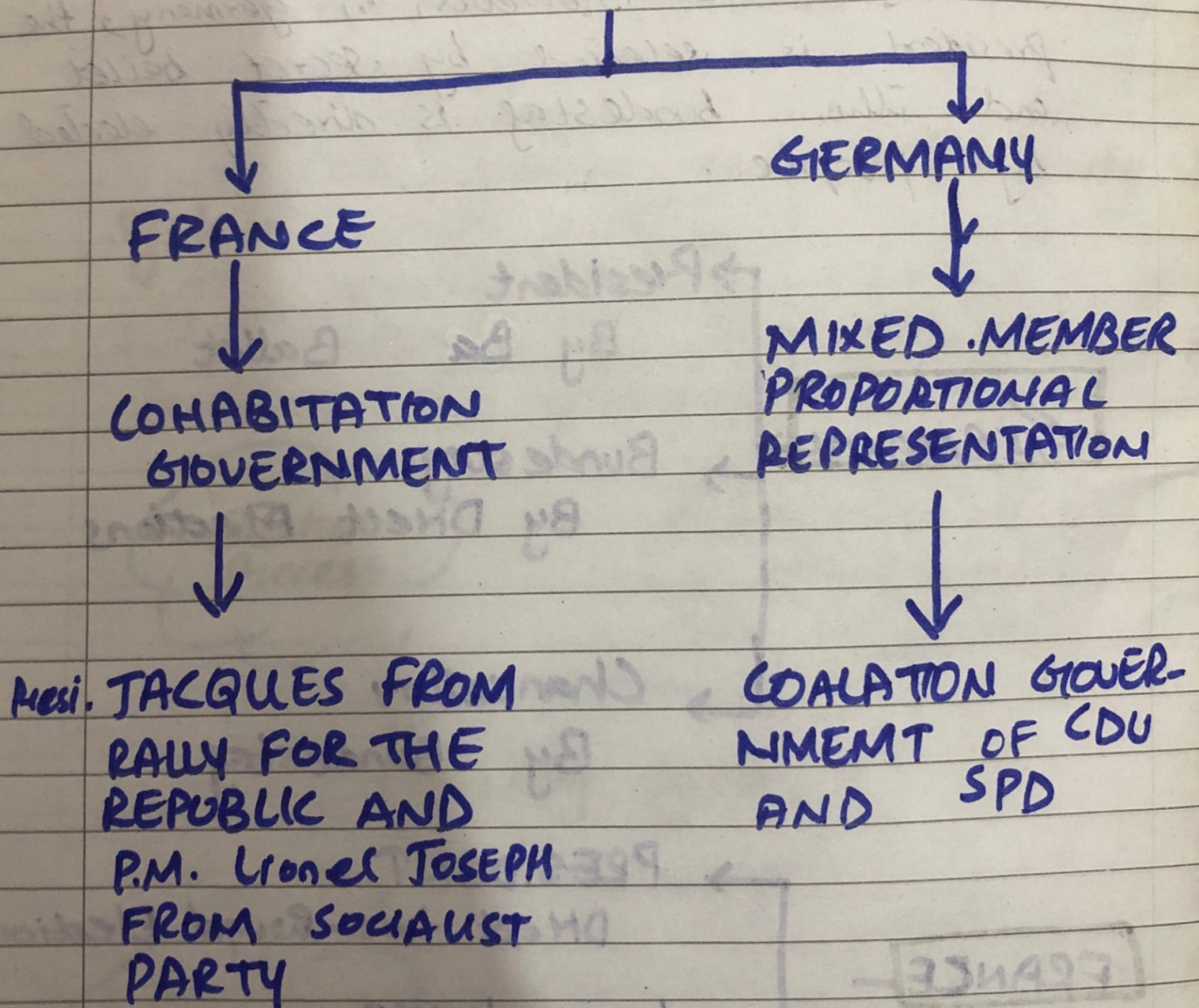
i- Election Process

In France, the members are directly elected by the people by two-round process. They become the members of lower house. The president is also elected by the elections. However, in Germany, the president is selected by secret ballot and the bundestag is directly elected by people.



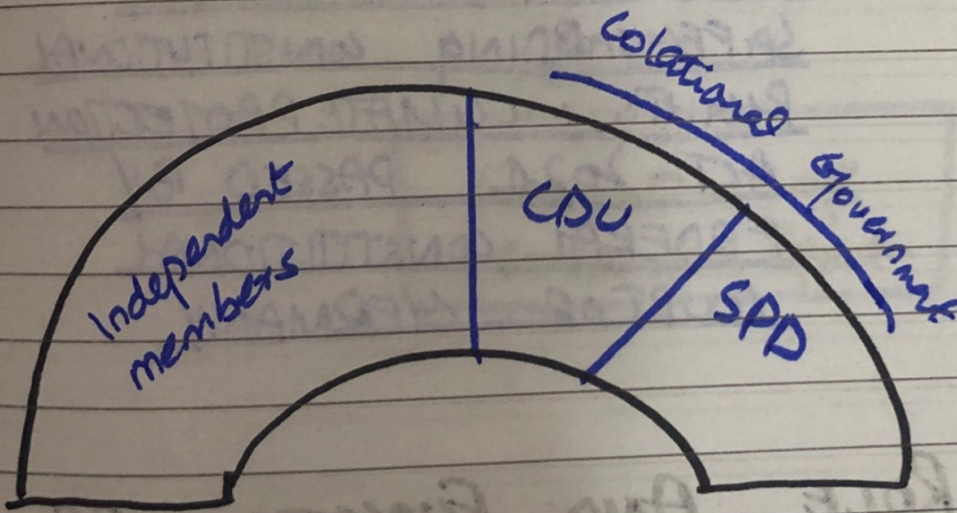
② Formation of Government:

Both countries have multi-party culture, so in order to bring political stability, they preferred to make mixed government.



In France, The President might belong to other ~~other~~ political

party and the other party might rule the lower house - As we can observe it several times. In this way, they ensure that these parties work in coordination and collaboration. Whereas in Germany, the formation of their lower house, **Bundestag**, consist of mixed members. The voters cast two votes: one for the party and other for members. The Bundestag is divided into two parts, half of the seats belong to party and other to the independent members -



Bundestag - Formation of Mixed-member Representation

Seats : 630

Termure: 4 years

iii - Check and Balance

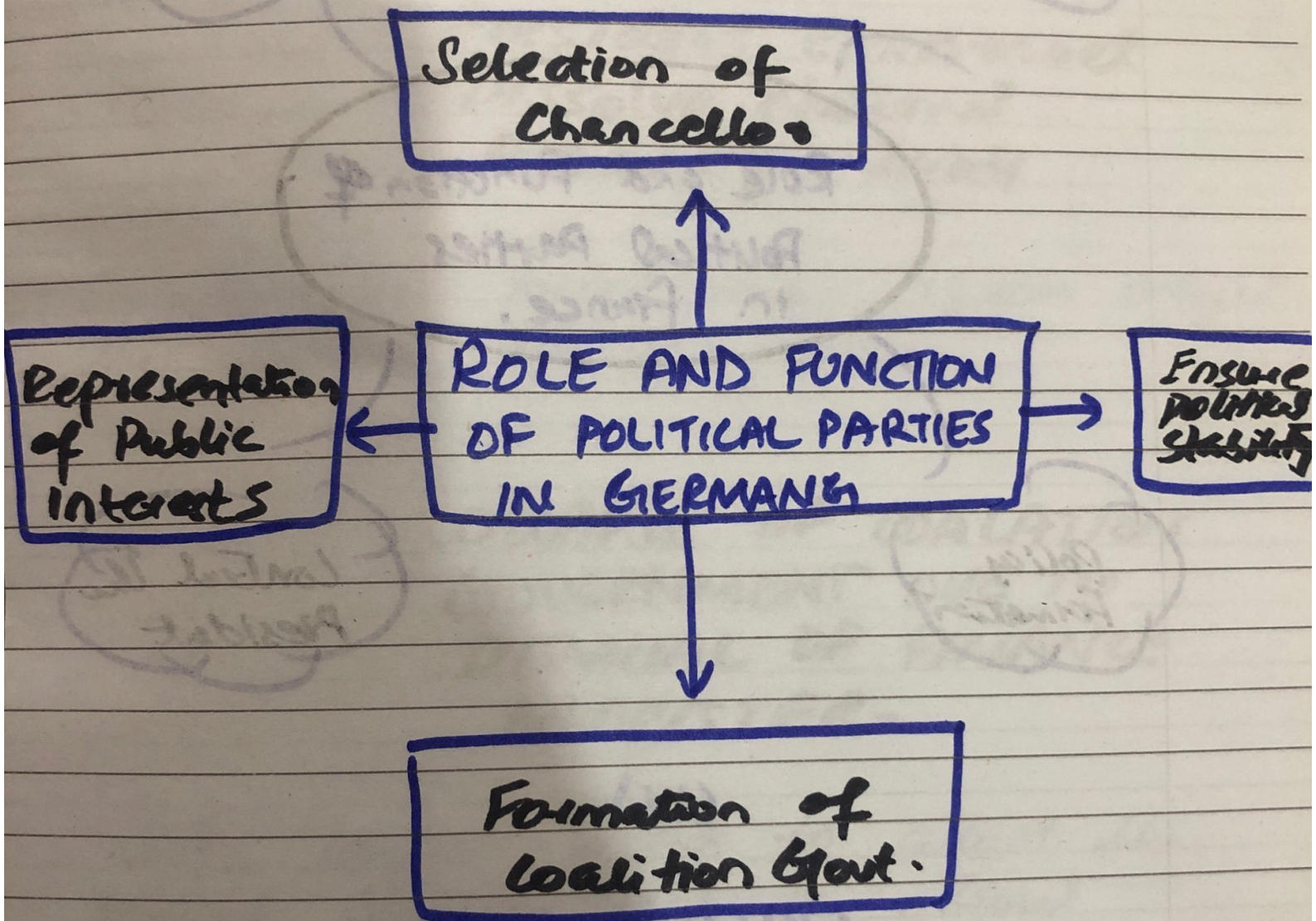
In France, the President exercise most of the powers and can dissolve the cabinet and dismissed the Prime Minister. The Judiciary check either the decisions are constitutional or not. However, in Germany, the check of judiciary is present. There are 16 judges, equally appointed by Bundestag and Bundesrat.

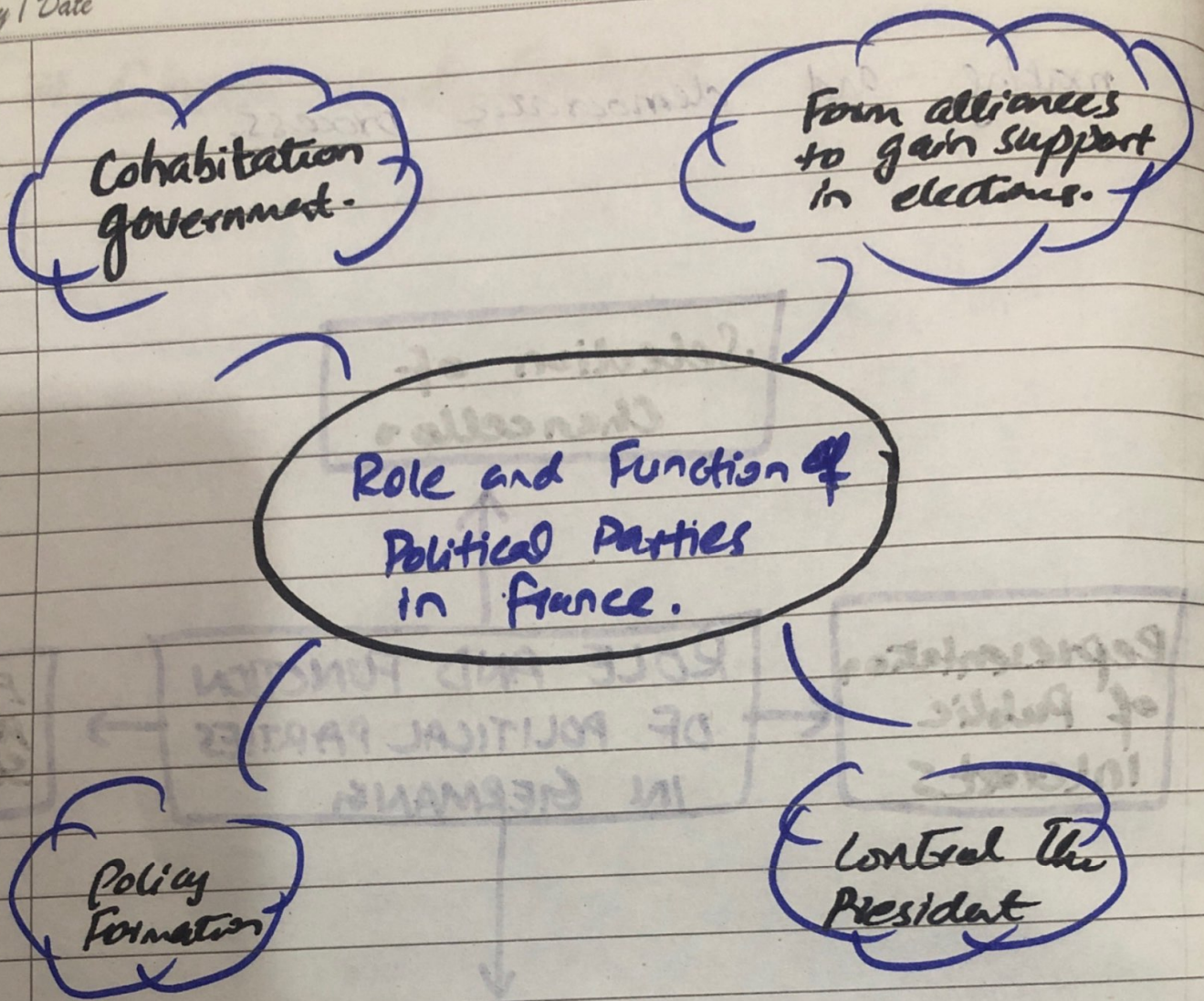
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IV- ROLE AND FUNCTION OF POLITICAL PARTIES

Political Parties plays significant role in making government's policy

making and democratic process.





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CRITICAL ANALYSIS

These structures are adopted to avoid political turmoil. These systems have been observed successful, but recent ~~attention~~ ^{cracks} between the parties in the government put a question mark on these systems. The institution of 5th Republic brings political stability. However,

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Such cohabitation government might result in political instability -

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Similarly, the mixed member system delayed the decision making process -

COLLAPSE OF COALITION GOVERNMENT DUE TO DISMISAL OF FINANCE MINISTER -

Both countries failed to adopt the political stability due to internal conflicts. However, these systems ensure the equal representation - specially Germany ensures the equal representation in mediation committee, standing committee and even in federal constitutional court -

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Conclusion:

Both countries have multi-party culture. To ensure political stability, they formed coalition government, but recent incident disturbed their political stability due to internal conflicts.