

CLASS:--12TH

Chapter 9

Recent Developments in Indian Politics

Passage Based Questions [5 Marks]

1. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions :
Thus, with the elections of 1989, a long phase of coalition politics began in India. Since then, there have been nine governments at the Centre, all of which have either been coalition governments or minority governments supported by other parties, which did not join the government. In this new phase, any government could be formed only with the participation or support of many regional parties. This applied to the National Front in 1989, the United Front in 1996 and 1997, the NDA in 1997, BJP-led coalition in 1998, NDA in 1999 and the UPA in 2004.

Questions

1. What is meant by coalition politics?
2. Name any two regional political parties which were a part of coalition government.
3. Write the full form of NDA.
4. What does a minority government mean?

Answer:

1. Coalition politics does not have majority even to a single party but parties may enter into an alliance or get support of other parties to form government.
2. NDA and United front.
3. National Democratic Alliance.
4. Minority governments are supported by other parties which did not join the government.

2. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions:

Infact the BSP, under Kanshi Ram's leadership was envisaged as an organisation based on pragmatic politics. It derived confidence from the fact that the Bahujans (SC, ST, OBC and religious minorities) constituted the majority of the population, and were a formidable political force on the strength of their numbers.

Questions

1. Which organisation was formed by Kanshi Ram?

2. Name any two religious minorities.

3. Why are Bahujans considered a formidable political forces?

Answer:

1. BSP (Bahujan Samaj Party)

2. Muslims and Christians

3. Because Bahujans constituted the majority of population, hence they were formidable political force on strength of their numbers.

Picture/Map Based Questions [5 Marks]

1. Study the picture given below and answer the questions that follow :



Questions

1. What does the cartoon represent?

2. Describe the role of such government in Indian Democratic set up. 3. What does this statement "Support the government from outside" mean?

Answer:

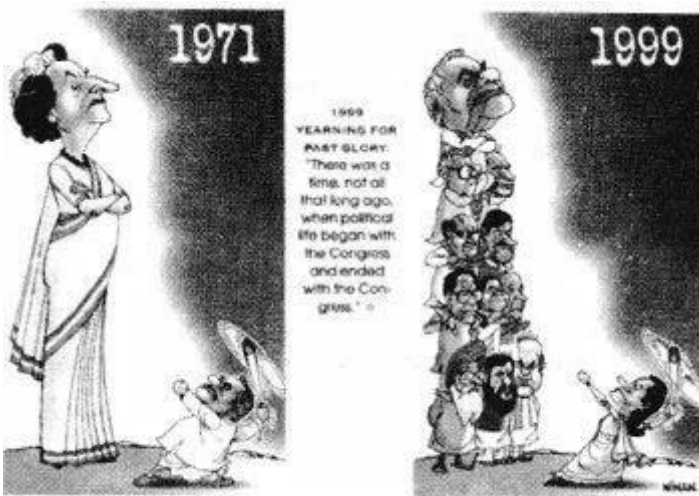
1. A puppet government showing example of coalition government.

2. It plays negative and positive role both. In a negative way, it provides unstable form of government.

In a positive way, it provides opportunities to regional parties also in forming ruling alliances.

3. No direct participation and position in government but support in the formation of government.

2. Study the picture given below and answer the questions that follow:



A cartoonist's depiction of the change from one-party dominance to a multi-party alliance system.

Questions

1. What does the picture indicate?
2. Which party is being referred to as one party dominance?
3. Identify female character in the cartoon.

Answer:

1. It depicts change from one party dominance to a multi-party alliance system.
2. Congress.
3. Mrs. Indira Gandhi.