

Class 9th                  Subject Political science

Ch What is Democracy? why Democracy

Important Questions Short Answer Type Questions

Question 1.

Define Democracy. State two merits and demerits of democracy.

Answer:

Democracy is a form of government which is chosen by the people to work for their welfare and can be changed by them.

Merits:

Democracy is the best form of government as the rulers are accountable to the people and have to fulfil their needs.

Democracy is based on consultation and discussion. This reduces the chance of hasty and irresponsible decisions from being taken and improves the quality of decision making.

Demerits:

Leaders keep changing in democracy. This leads to instability.

Democracy is all about political competition and power play. There is no scope for morality.

Question 2.

How elections in India are different from Mexico?

Answer:

Both the countries have a multi-party system. In case of India, political parties in power often lose elections whereas in case of Mexico PRI did not lose a single election for more than 70 years.

Elections in India are held after every 5 years whereas in case of Mexico elections are held after 6 years.

Government officials work under the Election Commission during the election days whereas this is not true for Mexico.

Question 3.

Assess any three conditions that apply to the way a democratic government is run after the elections.

Answer:

People should have the freedom to express their views. They should have freedom to form associations and to protest also.

Country is governed by the constitutional law. Everyone should be equal in the eye of law. People's rights should be respected and it must be protected by an independent judiciary whose orders are obeyed by everyone.

Question 4.

What does direct democracy imply? Why can it not be practised in the present day world?

Answer:

- (i) Direct democracy implies to the democracy in which every citizen must be able to play equal role in decision-making.
- (ii) (a) Modern democracies involve such a large number of people that it is physically not possible for them to sit together and take a collective decision. Even the majority does not rule directly but through their elected representatives.
- (b) Moreover, the citizen does not have the time, the desire or the skills to take part in all the decisions.

Question 5.

'Democracy is all about political competition and powerplay. There is no scope for morality'. Justify the statement by giving arguments against democracy.

Answer:

Political parties and candidates use all the dirty tricks to win elections.

Many of them use money and muscle power during the elections.

Political parties or candidates demand votes on the basis of caste, religion etc.

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