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Class 9th          Subject Political science

Ch What is Democracy? and Why Democracy

Read the following question and answer throughly and try to understand and Write down in your H.W.Copy.

Question 1.

What are three features of democracy?

Answer:

Features of democracy are :

Rulers elected by the people take all the major decisions;

Elections offer a choice and fair opportunity to the people to change the current rulers;

This choice and opportunity is available to all the people on an equal basis;

The exercise of this choice leads to a government limited by basic rules of the constitution and citizens' rights. (Any three)

Question 2.

Explain any three major political changes that took place recently in India's neighbourhood.

Answer:

Pakistan-General Musharaf led a military coup.

Nepal-In 2005, the new king dismissed the elected government.

Iraq-Saddam Hussein's regime was overthrown.

Question 3.

How does democracy improve the quality of decision making?

Answer:

Democracy is based on consultation and discussion. A democratic decision always involves many persons, discussions and meetings. When a number of people put their heads together, they are able to point out possible mistakes in any decision. This takes time. But there is a big advantage in taking time over important decisions. This reduces the chances of rash or irresponsible decisions. Thus, democracy improves the quality of decision-making.

Question 4.

How does democracy enhances the dignity of citizens?

Answer:

Even if democracy does not bring about better decisions and accountable government, it is still better than other forms of government. Democracy enhances the dignity of citizens. Democracy is based on the principle of political equality, on recognising that the poorest and the least educated

has the same status as the rich and the educated. People are not subjects of a ruler, they are the rulers themselves. Even when they make mistakes, they are responsible for their conduct.

Question 5.

How is democracy better than other forms of government?

Answer:

It is correct that democracy is better than other forms of government because it allows us to correct its own mistakes. There is no guarantee that mistakes cannot be made in democracy. No form of government can guarantee that. The advantage in a democracy is that such mistakes cannot be hidden for long.

There is a space for public discussion on these mistakes. And there is a room for correction. Either the rulers have to change their decisions, or the rulers can be changed. This cannot happen in a non-democratic government.

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