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**CHAPTER 4. (ELECTORAL POLITICS) (BASED ON NCERT PATTERN)**

**Question 1.** What should a citizen do if he or she wants to contest the elections?

**Solution:** Every person who wishes to contest an election has to fill a 'nomination form' and pay a 'security deposit'. They are requested to present a declaration. The legal declaration has to have the following details:

- Details of any serious criminal cases pending against them. (If applicable).
- Details of the assets and liabilities they have and that of their family members.
- Educational qualifications.

This information will be made public. This provides an opportunity to the voters to voice their objections, if any, and make the right decision during elections.

**Question 2.** What are the two methods of voting?

**Solution:** The two methods of voting are :-

- **The Ballot Paper:** A ballot paper is a sheet of paper on which the names of the contesting candidates along with their party name and symbols are listed. The voters indicate whom they want to vote for by putting a stamp on the ballot paper.
- **Electronic Voting:** Electronic voting machines (EVM) are used to record votes. The machine shows the names of the candidates and the party symbols. The voter has to press the button corresponding to the name of the person he wants to vote. Then the vote gets registered automatically.

Independent candidates too have their own symbols, allotted by election officials. Voting is conducted in total secrecy.

**Question 3.** Why do we need elections?

**Solution:** Elections are essential for any representative democracy. In an election the citizens have many choices. They are :

- They can choose the people who will make laws.
- They can choose the government that will rule them.