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## Class 10 Chapter 8 Democratic policies Extra Questions

Ch: CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRACY

### Question-1

Write a brief note on the statue of the Goddess of Democracy.

#### Solution:

The Goddess of Democracy was a 10 metre high statue created during the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989, in China. It was inspired by New York's Statue of Liberty. It was constructed from Styrofoam and papier-mâché in only four days by students of the Central Academy of Fine Arts.

It was erected in Tiananmen Square on 30 May, facing the large portrait of Mao Zedong on Tiananmen Gate, and was destroyed by the army during the massacre on 4 June.

### Question-2

What are the challenges faced by non-democratic countries?

#### Solution:

The main challenge faced by non-democratic governments is the foundational challenge of making the transition to democracy. They have to institute a democratic government by bringing down the existing non-democratic regime and keeping the military from controlling the government. It has to establishing a sovereign and functional state.

### Question-3

Mention the three main challenges faced by a democracy .

#### Solution:

The three main challenges are the Foundational challenge, the Challenge of expansion and the challenge of Deepening of democracy.

### Question-4

What are reforms?

#### Solution:

When challenges are there, they should be faced and resolved. To resolve challenges we need reforms. These reforms are called 'democracy reform' or 'political reform'

As all the countries do not face the same challenges, reforms also differ according to the need.

Challenges have to be faced at the grass root level that is at the State and local level.

### Question-5

What are the challenges faced by democratic governments?

#### Solution:

Democratic governments face the challenge of expansion. The basic principle of a

democratic government has to be established across all the regions, different social groups and various institutions. Greater power should be delegated to local governments. Federal principles have to be extended to all the units of the federation. Women and minority groups should be included in decision making. Strengthening of the institutions and practices of democracy should happen so that people can realise their expectations of democracy.

Different societies have different expectations from different democracies. So, each country has to deal in a unique way to face the challenge, people in that particular country face. If this is to be done peoples' participation is necessary and the control and influence of the rich and powerful people have to be toned down.

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