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Chapter-1

- What is Democracy and Why

Q1. Write different types of Government?

Ans 1. Monarchy

2 Dictatorship

3. Democracy

Q2. from where Democracy word is originated?

Ans The word democracy comes from a Greek word Democrated in Greek Demo means people and Kratic means rule so

Democracy is rule by the people.

Q3. According to Abraham Lincoln what is the definition of Democracy?

Ans Democracy is the Government of the people for the people and by the people.

Q4. Why Pakistan under General Musharraf should not be called a democracy.

Ans In 1999 General Musharraf a military officer and overthrewed a democratically elected Government.

2. He declared himself chief executive of the country. Later he changed his designation to president and held a referendum in the country and granted him five year extension.

In 2002 he amended constitution that president can dismiss National and Provincial Government. Civilian cabinet is deposed by national security council.

3. So Pakistan had elections and elected Representatives have some power, but the final power rests with General Musharraf himself.

As Elected representatives cannot take final decision and final decisions was taken by Musharraf so Pakistan is not democratic country.

Why china is not a democratic country?

In china elections are ^{held} regularly after five years for the parliament - National people's congress. It has 3000 related members has power to appoint the president of country the Government is always formed by Communist Party. A democracy must be based on free and fair elections where those currently in power have a fair chance of losing.

Q6 Why Mexico is not a democratic country?

Ans Since 1930 Mexico holds elections every 6 years to elect its president but until 2000 every elections was won by P.R.I (Constitutional Revolutionary Party). Opposition parties has never managed to win. P.R.I used many dirty tricks to win elections. Gov officers had to attend the party meetings Gov teachers used to force parents to vote for P.R.I. Sometimes the polling booths were shifted from one place to another in the last minute. The P.R.I also spent a large sum of money in the campaign for its candidates. A democracy must be based on a free and fair election but in Mexico it has not been happened.

So it is not a democratic country.

Q7. Why Saudi Arabia, Estonia, Fiji are not well defined democratic countries?

Ans. In democracy, each adult citizen must have one vote and each vote must have one value. This principle has accepted almost all over the world but there are many example of denied right to vote.

1. Until 2015 in Saudi Arabia women did not have the right to vote.

2. In Estonia Russian minority find it difficult to get right to vote.

3. In Fiji, the vote of an indigenous fiji has more value than of Indian fiji.

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Q8. Write arguments against democracy.

Ans Arguments against democracy

1. Leaders keep changing in democracy

This lead to instability.

2. Democracy is all about power play so

there is no scope of morality.

3. After a long discussion, decision are

taken it lead to delays

4. It is based on electoral competition

So it leads to corruption.

5. Ordinary people dont know what is good

for them, they should not decide

anything.

Q9 Write arguments for Democracy?

Ans Democracy is the better form of Govt because.

1. It is more accountable form of Government
2. Democracy improves the quality of decisions making.
3. It provides a method to deal with differences and conflicts.
4. It enhances the dignity of citizen
5. It is better than other forms of Govt because it allows us to correct its own mistakes.

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Q10. Which thing our constitution makes adopted from other countries?

Ans. Our leaders gained confidence to learn from other countries. But on our own terms.

1. France - Ideas of French Revolution liberty, Equality, fraternity.
2. Britain - The practice of parliamentary democracy.
3. U.S.A. - Bill of Rights, preamble.
4. Russia - Socialist Revolution.

Q11. What is Constituent Assembly?

Ans. The Drafting of Constitution is done by Constituent Assembly. It had 299 members. Assembly adopted the Constitution in 1949 but it came to effect on 26

~~November~~ January 1950. Rajendra Prasad was the president of Constituent Assembly.

Q12. What is preamble?

Ans. Taking inspiration from American model we begin our constitution with a preamble.

It is just like a poem written in democracy. It contains the philosophy on which entire constitution has been built. It provides a standard to examine and evaluate any law and action of government. To find out whether it is good or bad. It is the soul of Indian Constitution.

Q13. What is apartheid?

Ans. Racial discrimination unique to South Africa which white people have imposed on black people and this was particularly targeted

to black people they were forbidden to dine in white areas, trains, buses, taxis, hospitals, cinema halls, swimming pool were all separated for the white and blacks this was called segregation they were even forbid to visit churches where the white worshipped blacks people couldnt form association or protest against this terrible treatment.