

TOPIC- WHAT IS DEMOCRACY? WHY DEMOCRACY?

Section A: MCQs

1. (b) Rulers are elected by the people
2. (b) Free and fair elections
3. (b) Nepal after monarchy was abolished
4. (b) Abraham Lincoln

Section B: Very Short Answer (2 Marks each)

5. Arguments for democracy:

Gives people the right to choose their rulers.

Ensures equality and accountability.

6. Drawbacks:

Slow decision-making.

Leaders may lack efficiency or misuse freedom.

7. Dignity of citizens:

Equal rights irrespective of caste/gender.

Example: Women and disadvantaged groups get the right to vote.

Section C: Short Answer (3 Marks each)

8. Features of democracy:

Rulers elected by the people.

Free and fair elections.

Rule of law and equality before law.

9. Decision-making:

Involves consultation and discussion.

Reduces risk of wrong decisions.

Example: Indian government consults different groups before passing laws.

Section D: Long Answer (5 Marks)

10. Democracy preferred over dictatorship:

Promotes equality among citizens.

Protects fundamental rights.

Leaders accountable to the people.

Provides peaceful method to deal with conflicts.

Scope for correction of mistakes through elections.

Section E: Case Study

a) Violated feature: Free and fair elections.

b) Importance: Ensures people's real choice is reflected.

c) True democracy? No → because opposition was harassed, elections manipulated, hence not truly democratic.