

TOPIC- WHAT IS DEMOCRACY? WHY DEMOCRACY?

Section A: MCQs (1 × 4 = 4 Marks)

1. Democracy is a form of government where:

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| a) Rulers are appointed by the king | b) Rulers are elected by the people |
| c) Rulers inherit power by birth | d) Rulers are chosen by army generals |

2. Which of the following is an essential feature of democracy?

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| a) One party rule | b) Free and fair elections |
| c) Rule by nobility | d) Military control |

3. Which country has successfully evolved into a democracy?

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| a) Pakistan under military rule | b) Nepal after monarchy was abolished |
| c) Saudi Arabia under monarchy | d) Myanmar under dictatorship |

4. Who gave the famous definition of democracy as “government of the people, by the people, for the people”?

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| a) Rousseau | b) Abraham Lincoln | c) Gandhi | d) Nelson Mandela |
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Section B: Very Short Answer (2 × 3 = 6 Marks)

5. Mention two arguments in favour of democracy.

6. State two drawbacks of a democratic government.

7. Give two examples to show how democracy enhances the dignity of citizens.

Section C: Short Answer (3 × 2 = 6 Marks)


8. Explain any three major features of democracy.

9. How does democracy improve the quality of decision-making? Explain with examples.

Section D: Long Answer (5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

10. “Democracy is preferred over dictatorship.” Justify this statement by giving five suitable arguments.

Section E: Case Study (Carry 4 Marks, included in above total)

 Read the following passage and answer the questions below:

“In Zimbabwe, President Mugabe’s party has won elections several times. However, reports say that the elections were not free and fair. Opposition parties were harassed, and results were often manipulated. Yet, formally, elections were held, and Mugabe claimed legitimacy as a democratic leader.”

Questions:

- a) Name one feature of democracy violated in Zimbabwe. (1M)
- b) Why are free and fair elections essential for democracy? (1M)
- c) Do you think Zimbabwe can be called a true democracy? Why/Why not? (2M)