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<b>Class: IX</b>	<b>Department: Social Science</b>	<b>Sub: Democratic Politics</b>
<b>Chapter-1 Question Bank:1</b>	<b>Topic: What is Democracy and Why Democracy?</b>	<b>Year: 2022-2023</b>

1	<p><b>Explain the features of democracy. CBSE 2013/2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Final Authority with the People’s Representatives:</b> In a democracy, the final decision-making power must rest with those elected by the people.</li><li>• <b>Free and Fair Elections:</b> A democracy must be based on a free and fair elections where those currently in power have a fair chance of losing.</li><li>• <b>One Person, One Vote, One Value:</b> In a democracy, each adult citizen must have one vote and each vote must have one value.</li><li>• <b>Rule of Law and Respect for Rights:</b> A democratic government rules within limits set by constitutional law and citizen’s rights.</li></ul>
2	<p><b>Explain the representative democracy. Why the representative democracy is the most common form of government in modern times? Explain any four reasons.</b></p> <p>When the majority of people rule through their elected representatives, this is called representative democracy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The most common form that democracy takes in our times is that of a representative democracy. In a democracy, all the people do not rule. Direct rule by people is not possible.</li><li>• So, in a democracy, the majority is allowed to take decisions on behalf of all the people. Even the majority does not rule directly. It rules through its elected representatives.</li><li>• A representative democracy becomes necessary. Modern democracies comprise a large number of people. It is physically impossible for them to sit or collect together at a place and take a collective decision.</li><li>• Even if they could collect together, all the citizens do not have the time, the desire, or the skills to take part in all the decisions.</li></ul>
3	<p><b>“Though democracy is considered to be the best form of government, but it is not an ideal government.” Justify the statement.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is not an ideal form of government because every citizen does not play equal role in decision-making. Even the majority does not rule directly. But, it rules through their elected representatives.</li><li>• Democracy provide only political equality but people also need social and economic equality.</li><li>• An ideal government is the one, which is not run by few powerful people.</li><li>• An ideal government is free of corruption.</li><li>• In an ideal government is a government where there will be gender equality.</li></ul>
4	<p><b>“Elections in China do not represent people’s verdict”. Explain.</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In China, elections are regularly held after every five years, to the Parliament, called Quanguo Renmin Daibiao Dahui (National People’s Congress). ,</li> <li>• The National People’s Congress has the power to appoint the President of the country.</li> <li>• It has nearly 3,000 members elected from all over China. Some members are elected by the army.</li> <li>• Before contesting elections, a candidate needs the approval of the Chinese Communist Party.</li> <li>• Only those, who are member’s of the Chinese Communist Party or eight smaller parties allied to it were allowed to contest elections held in 2002-03.</li> <li>• The government is always formed by the Communist Party.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>‘Democracy improves the quality of decision making’.’ Explain.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Democracy is based on consultation and discussion.</li> <li>• A democratic decision always involves many persons, discussions and meetings. When a number of people put their heads together, they are able to point out possible mistakes in any decision.</li> <li>• As most of the decisions are taken by discussions, this reduces the chances of rash or irresponsible decisions.</li> <li>• If the decision is not according to the wishes of the people, they have the right to protest, and even can force the government to withdraw it.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>“Democratic government is a more accountable form of government”. Justify the statement with examples.</b></p> <p>We can take the example of India. In India, the government is accountable to the citizens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government policies in India are based on the democratic values.</li> <li>• It is able to respond to the needs of the people.</li> <li>• It holds multi-party elections.</li> <li>• It has opposition parties to criticize the government.</li> <li>• Democracy ensures that decision-making will be based on norms and procedures. So, a citizen who wants to know if a decision was taken through the correct procedures can find it out. This is known as transparency. So, this shows democracy produces a government which follows the procedures and is accountable to the government.</li> <li>• A democratic government rules within limits set by constitutional law and citizen’s right.</li> <li>• Democracy provides a method to deal with difference and conflicts. It is suitable in countries like India. India has diversity of language, religion and culture.</li> <li>• It is better than other forms of government because it allows us to correct our own mistakes.</li> <li>• Democracy also increases the dignity of the citizens, because it is based on the principle of political equality. This means that the poorest and the least educated have the same status as the rich and educated.</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Democracy provides a method to deal with differences and conflicts.”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In any society people are bound to have differences of opinions and interests.</li> <li>• The conflicts can be solved by brutal power. Whichever group is more powerful will dictate its terms and others have to accept that.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• But that would lead to resentment and unhappiness.</li> <li>• Democracy provides the only peaceful solution to this problem. Different groups can live with one another peacefully.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>“Democracy enhances the dignity of citizens.” Explain the statement. CBSE 2014</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Democracy is based on the principle of political equality.</li> <li>• On recognizing that, the poorest and the least educated have the same status as the rich and the educated.</li> <li>• People are not the subjects of a ruler, they are rulers themselves.</li> <li>• When they make mistakes, they are responsible for their conduct.</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>Mention the argument against or the demerits or disadvantages of democracy. CBSE 2011/2014/2016</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders keep changing in a democracy. This leads to instability.</li> <li>• Democracy is all about competitions and power play. There is no scope for morality.</li> <li>• Elected do not know the best interest of the people. It leads to bad decisions.</li> <li>• Democracy leads to corruptions as it is based on competition</li> <li>• Ordinary people do not know what is best for them. So they take wrong decision.</li> </ul>
10	<p><b>What are the merits of democracy? OR Democracy is better than any other form of government. Comment. CBSE 2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A democratic government is a better form of government as it is a more accountable government.</li> <li>• Democracy improves the quality of decision making.</li> <li>• Democracy provides the methods to deal with differences and conflicts.</li> <li>• Democracy enhances the dignity of the individuals</li> <li>• Democracy is better than any other form of government because it allows to correct its own mistakes</li> </ul>
11	<p><b>Explain the broader meaning of Democracy.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Democracy is the best available form of government.</li> <li>• However, in broader sense, it is not only an institution but it is a way of life.</li> <li>• It is rooted in our day to day life functioning where decisions are made that involves consultation with consent of all those who are affected by the decision.</li> <li>• This apply to a family, a community or even a government.</li> <li>• Thus, it enables us to judge the present situation and its weaknesses and encourages marching towards betterment.</li> </ul>
12	<p><b>. Differentiate between Democratic and Non-Democratic Government.</b></p> <p><b>Democratic Government</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In a democracy, people choose their own representatives.</li> <li>• People have fundamental rights.</li> <li>• Major decisions are taken by the elected leaders.</li> <li>• A democracy is based on a free and fair election.</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In a democracy, each adult citizen must have one vote and each vote must have one value.</li><li>• A democratic government rules within limits set by constitutional law.</li></ul> <p><b>Non-Democratic Government:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People cannot choose their own representatives.</li><li>• People do not have any decision making power.</li><li>• People do not have any rights.</li><li>• There is no dignity of the individuals</li></ul> |
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