

QB365

Important Questions - What is Democracy? Why Democracy?

9th Standard CBSE

Social Science

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Time : 01:00:00 Hrs

Total Marks : 50

Section-A

- 1) Nkrumah's was the president of 1
(a) Chile (b) Ghana (c) Poland (d) Zimbabwe
- 2) In Greek 'demos' means.....and 'kratia' means..... 1
(a) People, Rule (b) Rule, People (c) Ruler, King (d) King, Rule
- 3) In which of the following countries, Presidential form of democracy is in practice? 1
(a) India (b) China (c) USA (d) UK
- 4) In which year President of Pakistan, General Musharraf, led a military coup? 1
(a) April, 1999 (b) March, 2000 (c) October, 1999 (d) November, 1999
- 5) Why the government in China is not democratic? 1
(a) Elections are held after 5 years (b) Absence of multi party system (c) Members are free to contest
(d) Elections are held under Communist Party's approval
- 6) Which one of the following countries has not given voting right to women? 1
(a) Pakistan (b) India (c) Saudi Arabia (d) New Zealand
- 7) The following person ruled in Zimbabwe since its independence 1
(a) M. Jackson (b) Robert Mohowe (c) Nelson Mandela (d) Robert Mugabe
- 8) Which of the following statement is/are false about Mugabe's government? 1
(a) President Mugabe is unpopular but also uses unfair practices in elections.
(b) Over the years his government has changed the constitution several times to increase the powers of the President.
(c) Opposition party workers are harassed and their meeting disrupted
(d) Public protests and demonstrations against the government are declared illegal
- 9) Which of these is not a valid reason for arguing that there is a lesser possibility of famine in a democratic country? 1
(a) Opposition parties can draw attention to hunger and starvation
(b) Free press can report suffering from famine in different parts of the country
(c) Government fears its defeat in the next elections
(d) People are free to believe in and practice any religion

- 10) Which one of the following is an appropriate reason that Chinese Government did not manage famine effectively during 1958-61? 1
- (a) The government was indifferent (b) The government was undemocratic
- (c) The government was communist (d) The government did not care for people

Section-B

- 11) What was the designation taken by Pervez Musharraf for himself when he overthrew the democratic government of Pakistan in 1999? 2
- 12) Which Pakistani General led a military coup in October 1999? 2
- 13) Why are China and Saudi Arabia non-democratic countries though they declared themselves as democracies? State one reason for each one of the countries. 2
- 14) Write any five arguments in favour of democracy? 2
- 15) Here is some information about country. Based on this information how would you classify each of these countries. Write 'democratic','undemocratic' or 'not sure' against each of these 2
- Country A : People who do not accept the country's official religion do not have a right to vote
- 16) Here is some information about country. Based on this information how would you classify each of these countries. Write 'democratic','undemocratic' or 'not sure' against each of these 2
- Country B : The same party has been winning elections for the last twenty years
- 17) Here is some information about countries. Based on this information, how would you classify each of these countries. Write 'democratic','undemocratic' or 'notsure' against each of these. 2
- Country Q: The parliament cannot pass a law reducing the powers of the judiciary
- 18) Here is some information about countries. Based on this information, how would you classify each of these countries. Write 'democratic','undemocratic' or 'notsure' against each of these. 2
- Country R: The country's leaders cannot sign any treaty with another country without taking permission from its neighbouring country.
- 19) Here is some information about countries. Based on this information, how would you classify each of these countries. Write 'democratic','undemocratic' or 'notsure' against each of these. 2
- Country S: All the major economic decisions about the country are taken by officials of the central bank which the ministers cannot change
- 20) How election in India are different then Mexico? 2

Section-C

- 21) Enlist some countries where citizens do not have equal voting rights 4
- 22) Explain the concept of one person,one vote,one value. 4
- 23) Are the following statements in keeping with democracy as a value?Why? 4
- Employee to the officer: Our working hours must be reduced according to the law.
- 24) What is the main feature of democracy? 4
- 25) In which year was a referendum conducted by General Pervez Musharraf in Pakistan? 4

Section-A

- 1) (a) Chile 1
- 2) (a) People, Rule 1
- 3) (c) USA 1
- 4) (c) October, 1999 1
- 5) (d) Elections are held under Communist Party's approval 1
- 6) (c) Saudi Arabia 1
- 7) (d) Robert Mugabe 1
- 8) (a) President Mugabe is unpopular but also uses unfair practices in elections. 1
- 9) (d) People are free to believe in and practice any religion 1
- 10) (b) The government was undemocratic 1

Section-B

- 11) 2
 General Pervez Musharraf declared himself the Chief Executive of Pakistan when he overthrew the democratic government of Pakistan in 1999.
- 12) The Pakistani General who led a military coup in October 1999 was General Pervez Musharraf. 2
- 13) 2
 One major demand of democracy is 'universal adult franchise' i.e. the right to vote for every adult citizen. But in world politics, there are many instances of denial of equal right to vote. These are
 - (i) In Saudi Arabia, women did not have the right to vote until 2011.
 - (ii) Estonia made its citizenship rules in such a manner that people belonging to Russian minority find it difficult to get the right to vote.
 - (iii) In China, before contesting the election, the candidate needs the approval of the Chinese Communist Party.
 Although these countries declare themselves as democracies, the fundamental principle of 'political equality' is denied in all the cases. Thus, these are not truly democratic countries.
- 14) 2
 Five arguments in favour of democracy are
 - (i) A democratic form of government is a better government because it is a more accountable form of government. A democracy requires that the rulers have to attend to the needs of the people.
 - (ii) Democracy is based on consultation and discussion. Although it takes time, this process reduces the chances of rash and irresponsible decisions. Thus, democracy improves the quality of decision-making.
 - (iii) Democracy provides a method to deal with differences and conflicts in society. In a diverse country like India, democracy keeps our country together.
 - (iv) As democracy is based on the principle of political equality, it enhances the dignity of citizens.
 - (v) Democracy is better than other forms of government because it allows us to correct our own mistakes. In democracy, there is a scope for public discussion on these mistakes
- 15) Undemocratic 2

- 16) Democratic 2
- 17) Democratic 2
- 18) Undemocratic 2
- 19) Undemocratic 2
- 20) 2

In India, election is conducted under a supervision of Election Commission, and the process of election, is largely free and fair as compare to Mexico.

Section-C

- 21) 4
- There are many instances of denial of equal right to vote:
- (i) In Saudi Arabia do not have voting rights
 - (ii) Estonia has made its citizenship rules in such a way that people belonging to Russian minority find it difficult to get the right to vote.
 - (iii) In Fiji, the electoral system is such that vote of an indigenous Fiji has more value than that of an Indian-Fijian.
- 22) 4
- The concept of one person, one vote, one value means that all the citizen of a country irrespectively of their background have right to vote. Each citizen has one vote and the value of each vote remains same for everyone.
- 23) Democratic. Employees enjoy the right to work for fixed hours as fixed by law. 4
- 24) The main feature of democracy is right to vote, and free fair election. 4
- 25) Year 2002 4