

Class 9

Civics

Chapter 2

What is democracy why democracy

Qn. 1 What are the common features of democratic governments?

An. 1

1. People enjoy the freedom of speech
2. Free and fair election
3. Opposition parties allowed to function freely before and after the election
4. Allowed to form the trade unions
5. Freedom of press
6. There is no distinction of caste, creed, religion etc
7. Rulers are elected by the people
8. Regular election
9. One vote one value one person

Qn. 2 what are the features of non-democratic governments?

An. 2

1. There is no freedom of speech
2. Opposition parties are not allowed to work freely before and after the election
3. No freedom to form the trade unions
4. No free and fair election
5. No freedom of press
6. Rulers are not elected by the people
7. Irregular election

Qn. 3 Differentiate the democratic and non-democratic governments.

An. 3 write the answer of first and second questions

Qn. 4 How the referendum of 2002 caused for the amendment of constitution in Pakistan?

An. 4 In 1999 Nawab Sherif became the Prime Minister of Pakistan. General Parvez Musharaf overthrew the democratic governments and declared himself as the chief executive of the country. In 2002 he held a referendum in the country that granted him five year extension. Human rights organisations, media and democracy activists said that this referendum was based on malpractices and fraud. In this situation he issued a "legal framework order" that amended the constitution of Pakistan.

Qn.5 Pakistan is not a democratic country. Why?

An.5 There have many reasons under general Parvez Musharaf, Pakistan is not a democratic country.

1. There have the right to elect the representatives to the national and provincial assemblies but the elected representatives are not really the rulers.
2. The power to take the final decision rest with the army officials and Parvez musharaf
3. The real rulers are not elected by the people in Pakistan.

Qn.6 China is not a democratic country. Why?

An.6

1. Elections are held in China to elect their representatives after every five years.
2. But there have no right to stand in elections without the approval of the remaining communist party.
3. China is following the single party system, it is not an indication of true democracy.

Qn.7 One person one vote one value. Explain.

An. 7 It is an important feature of democracy because the democratic governments linked with the universal adult franchise which means that everybody have the right to vote after the age of 18 years.

Qn. 8 What are the arguments against the democracy?

An. 8

1. Democracy leads to the instability
2. There is no scope of morality because of the political competition and power play
3. Delays in decision making
4. Implementation of bad decisions
5. Corruption and political competition
6. In a democracy the ordinary people does not know what is good for them

Qn. 9 What are the arguments for the democracy?

An. 9

1. A democratic government is the best form of government because it is more accountable form of government
2. Democracy improves the quality of decision making
3. Democracy provides a method to deal with differences and conflicts
4. Democracy enhances the dignity of citizens
5. Democracy allows to correct its own mistakes