

Chapter-1
Worksheet-2

Choose the correct option:

1. When did Zimbabwe attain independence and from whom?
 - (a) 1970, from Black minority rule
 - (b) 1880, from White minority rule
 - (c) 1980, from Americans
 - (d) 1980, from White minority rule

2. Which party has ruled Zimbabwe since its independence and who is its ruler?
 - (a) ZANU-PF, Robert Mugabe
 - (b) ZANU-PF, Kenneth Kaunda
 - (c) Zimbabwe Freedom Party, Nelson Mandela
 - (d) Zimbabwe Party, P Johnson

3. Which of these features is/are necessary to provide the basic rights to the citizens?
 - (a) Citizens should be free to think
 - (b) should be free to form associations
 - (c) Should be free to raise protest
 - (d) All the above

4. Which organ of the government is required to protect the rights of the citizens?
 - (a) Executive
 - (b) Legislature
 - (c) Independent judiciary
 - (d) Police

5. What is Constitutional Law?
 - (a) Provisions given in the Constitution
 - (b) Law to make Constitution
 - (c) Law to set up Constituent Assembly
 - (d) none of the above

6. Which of these is permitted under the Rule of Law?

- (a) Prime Minister can be punished for violating the Constitution.
- (b) Police has a right to kill anybody.
- (c) Women can be paid lesser salaries
- (d) President can rule for as long as he wants

7. Some of the drawbacks of democracy is:

- (a) Instability and delays
- (b) corruption and hypocrisy
- (c) Politicians fighting among themselves
- (d) all the above

8. In which of these cases can democracy not provides a complete solution?

- (a) Removing poverty completely
- (b) Providing education to all
- (c) Giving jobs to all
- (d) All the above

9. In which period did China face one of the worst famines that have occurred in the world?

- (a) 1932-36
- (b) 1958-61
- (c) 2001-2002
- (d) 2004-2007

10. A democratic government is better than a non-democratic government because:

- (a) It may or may not be accountable
- (b) It always responds to the needs of the people
- (c) It is a more accountable form of government
- (d) None of the above

Answer the following Questions.

11. Here is some information about four countries. Based on this information, how would you classify each of these countries. Write 'democratic', 'undemocratic' or 'not sure' against each of these.

- a. Country P: The parliament cannot pass a law about the army without the consent of the Chief of Army.

- b. Country Q: The parliament cannot pass a law reducing the powers of the judiciary.
 - c. Country R: The country's leaders cannot sign any treaty with another country without taking permission from its neighbouring country.
 - d. Country S: All the major economic decisions about the country are taken by officials of the central bank which the ministers cannot change.
- 12.** Which of these is not a valid reason for arguing that there is a lesser possibility of famine in a democratic country?
- 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 practise any religion.
- 13.** Consider the following facts about a country and decide if you would call it a democracy. Give reasons to support your decision. (Level 2)
- 1. All the citizens of the country have the right to vote. Elections are held regularly.
 - 2. The country took loans from international agencies. One of the conditions for giving loan was that the government would reduce its expenses on education and health.
 - 3. People speak more than seven languages but education is available only in one language, the language spoken by 52 per cent people of that country.
 - 4. Several organisations have given a call for peaceful demonstrations and nationwide strikes in the country to oppose these policies. Government has arrested these leaders.
 - 5. The government owns the radio and television in the country. All the newspapers have to get permission from the government to publish any news about the government's policies and protests.

14. What amendment did General Pervez Musharraf bring in the constitution of Pakistan by issuing a “Legal Framework Order” in August 2002?
15. Write any three instances of denial of equal right to vote in the world politics.
16. “China’s famine of 1958-61 was a result of government policies.” Explain.
17. How does democracy improve the quality of decision-making?
18. How does democracy enhance the dignity of the citizens?
19. What according to you is the broader meaning of democracy
20. What steps were taken by Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe to remain in power?

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