

Chapter-1
Worksheet-3

Choose the correct option:

1. Democracy improves the quality of decision-making because:
 - (a) Decisions are taken by educated people
 - (b) Decisions are taken by consultation and discussion
 - (c) Decisions are taken over a long period of time
 - (d) All decisions are approved by judiciary

2. How does democracy allow us to correct its own mistakes?
 - (a) Mistakes are hidden and cannot be corrected
 - (b) Re-electing the same government to enable it to correct its mistakes
 - (c) The rulers can be changed
 - (d) none of the above

3. The most common form that democracy takes in our time is that of
 - (a) Limited democracy
 - (b) representative democracy
 - (c) Maximum democracy
 - (d) none of the above

4. Which body in Indian political system is an example of direct democracy?
 - (a) Zila Parishad
 - (b) Panchayat Samiti
 - (c) Gram Sabha
 - (d) Vidhan Sabha

5. Which of these is an example of perfect democracy?
 - (a) USA
 - (b) UK
 - (c) India
 - (d) None of the above

6. Which of these is not a feature of monarchy, dictatorship or one-party rule?
 - (a) Censorship of press
 - (b) No opposition party or parties
 - (c) Citizens taking part in politics

(d) One-man rule

State True or False:

6. Democracy is a form of government in which the rulers are elected by the people.
7. Until 2020, in Saudi Arabia women did not have the right to vote.
8. Zimbabwe attained independence from White minority rule in 1970.
9. In Pakistan, General Pervez Musharraf led a military coup in October 1999.
10. In China the National People's Congress has the power to appoint the President of the country.

Answer the following Questions.

11. Which of these is not a good argument in favour of democracy? Why?
 - (a) People feel free and equal in a democracy.
 - (b) Democracies resolve conflict in a better way than others.
 - (c) Democratic government is more accountable to the people.
 - (d) Democracies are more prosperous than others.
12. There are 40 villages in a district where the government has made no provision for drinking water. These villagers met and considered many methods of forcing the government to respond to their need. Which of these is not a democratic method?
 - (a) Filing a case in the courts claiming that water is part of the right to life.
 - (b) Boycotting the next elections to give a message to all parties.
 - (c) Organising public meetings against the government's policies.
 - (d) Paying money to government officials to get water.
13. Are the following statements in keeping with democracy as a value? Why?
 - (a) Father to daughter: I don't want to hear your opinion about your marriage. In our family children marry where the parents tell them to.
 - (b) Teacher to student: Don't disturb my concentration by asking me questions in the classroom.

(c) Employee to the officer: Our working hours must be reduced according to the law.

14. Compare the democratic system in China with that in Mexico.
15. Explain with an example how popular governments can be undemocratic and popular leader can be autocratic.
16. ZANU-PF wins the elections every five years in Zimbabwe. Are the leaders of ZANU-PF close to the values of democracy? Explain.
17. Mention three essential features of democracy.
18. Democracy provides a method to deal with differences and conflicts. Explain.
19. Why is democracy considered the best form of government?
20. Compare the features of Democratic and non-democratic governments.