

CLASS – 10

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Democratic Politics-II

CH-4 : POLITICAL PARTIES

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Answer :

Conditions required for a party to be recognized as a regional political party:

- (i) A party that secures at least six percent of the total votes in an election to the legislative assembly of a state.
 - (ii) Wins at least two seats in the legislative assembly.
- Political parties as national party. National political parties have their units in various states.

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By and large all these units follow the same policies, programmes and strategy that is decided at the national level.

For Example: BJP, Indian National Congress.

Conditions required to be a national political party—

- (i) A party that secures at least 6% of the total votes in general elections of Lok Sabha or assembly elections in four states.
- (ii) A party that wins at least 4 seats in the Lok Sabha.

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Answer :

Five functions of political parties are as follows —

1. Parties contest elections. In most democracies, elections are fought mainly among the candidates put up by political parties.
2. Parties put forward different policies and programmes and the voters choose from them. Each of us may have different opinions and views on what policies are suitable for the society.


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But no government can handle such a large variety of views. In a democracy, a large number of similar opinions have to be grouped together to provide a direction in which policies can be formulated by the governments.

3. Parties play a decisive role in making laws for a country. Formally, laws are debated and passed in the legislature.
4. Parties form and run governments. The big policy decisions are taken by political executive that comes from the political parties. Parties recruit leaders, train them and then make them ministers to run the government in the way they want.

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5. Parties shape public opinion. They raise and highlight issues. Parties have lakhs of members and activists spread all over the country. Many of the pressure groups are the extensions of political parties among different sections of society.

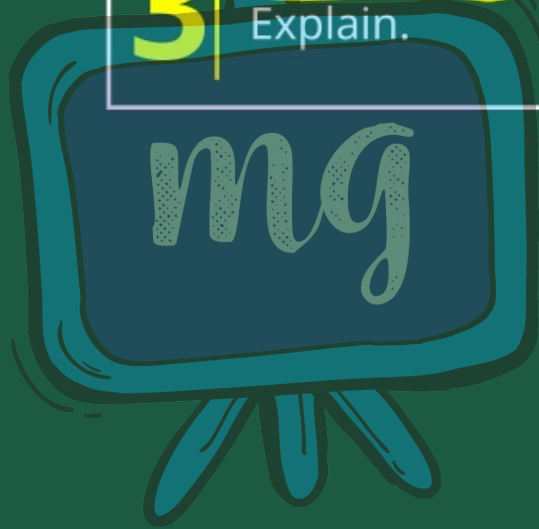
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Answer :

India adopted a multi party - system because of the following reasons —

- I. There is social and geographical diversity in India.
- II. India is such a large country which is not easily absorbed by two or three parties.
- III. The system allows a variety of interests and opinions to enjoy political representation.

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Answer :

Election commission has to register and recognise each and every party before contesting elections and it can be done by following ways:

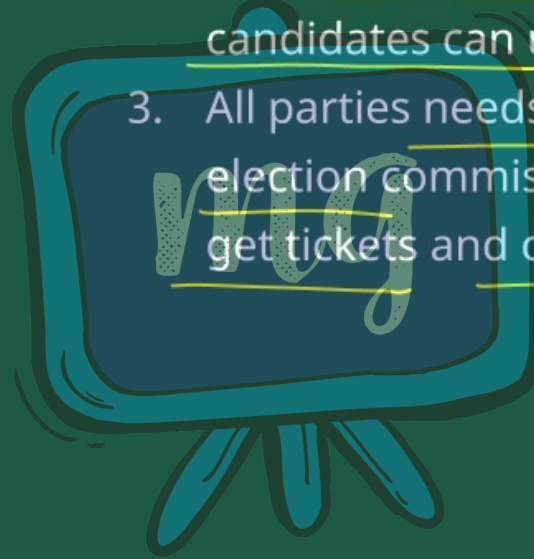
1. To be recognized, a party needs to meet specific vote & seat criteria.
2. Election Commission offers special facilities to Recognised Political Parties.

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Example : A unique election symbol. (Only official candidates can use it)

3. All parties needs to register themselves and election commission register them so that they can get tickets and contest elections.



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5

Two statements are given below as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the Statements and choose the correct option:

Assertion (A): Elections are the spirit of democracy.

Reason (R): Elections expand Political participation.

(2023)

- A** Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- B** Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is the not correct explanation of (A).
- C** (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- D** (A) is false, but (R) is true.

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(2024)



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(2024)

Answer :

Parties play an important role in a democratic government by following ways:

1. Parties provide a platform and representation to various sections of society.
2. They provide a platform for public debates and people have a chance to express their views.
3. If we have parties than we have our own elected representatives who are accountable and responsive towards the needs of the people.