

CHAPTER-1 | What is Democracy? Why Democracy?

QUIZ-01

1. What is the basic definition of democracy?

- A. Government by selected citizens
- B. Rule by the wealthy class
- C. Government in which rulers are elected by the people
- D. Rule by the military (C)

Explanation: Democracy is defined as a form of government in which the rulers are elected by the people.

2. Which one of the following is a key feature of democracy?

- A. Final decisions taken by religious leaders
- B. Rulers appointed by army
- C. Final decision-making power lies with elected leaders
- D. King decides major laws (C)

Explanation: In a democracy, the final decision-making power must rest with those elected by the people.

3. In a democracy, what makes an election meaningful?

- A. Only one party contesting
- B. Secret voting
- C. Free and fair competition among political alternatives
- D. Mandatory voting (C)

Explanation: A democracy must allow real choice through free and fair elections.

4. What does the principle of "one person, one vote, one value" imply?

- A. Only educated people can vote
- B. Each citizen's vote must carry equal weight
- C. Rich citizens get more votes
- D. Leaders decide whose vote counts (B)

Explanation: Political equality in democracy means every adult citizen has one vote and each vote has equal value.

5. What limits the powers of a democratic government?

- A. King's instructions
- B. Constitution and citizens' rights
- C. Religious texts
- D. Military rules (B)

Explanation: Democratic governments operate within limits set by constitutional law and citizens' rights.

6. What is a common criticism of democracy?

- A. It ends poverty completely
- B. It encourages war
- C. It leads to delays in decision-making
- D. It ignores people's opinions (C)

Explanation: Decision-making in democracy involves consultation, which can delay the process.

7. Which country had elections but real power was held by military officers?

- A. Mexico
- B. Zimbabwe
- C. Pakistan
- D. China (C)

Explanation: In Pakistan under General Musharraf, elections were held but real power rested with the military.

8. Which country held elections with no real choice, as only ruling party candidates were allowed?

- A. India
- B. Mexico
- C. USA
- D. China (D)

Explanation: In China, only Communist Party-approved candidates were allowed to contest.

9. Why is democracy considered better than other forms of government?

- A. It is always efficient
- B. It eliminates all problems
- C. It allows correction of mistakes
- D. It never changes leaders (C)

Explanation: In democracy, public discussion allows mistakes to be corrected either by changing decisions or rulers.

10. What is the broader meaning of democracy?

- A. Voting once every five years
- B. Rule only by majority
- C. Consultation and equal participation in decision-making
- D. Rule by educated people only (C)

Explanation: Democracy can apply to all areas of life and means taking decisions with equal consultation.