

Chapter-1

Worksheet-1

Choose the correct option:

1. The word 'Democracy' comes from the Greek word –
 - (a) Democracia
 - (b) Demokratia
 - (c) Demos
 - (d) Kratia

2. What kind of government is there in Myanmar?
 - (a) Government elected by the people
 - (b) Communist government
 - (c) Army rule
 - (d) Monarchy

3. The head of the government in Nepal is the:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Prime Minister
 - (c) King
 - (d) Vice President

4. Who led a military coup in Pakistan in 1999?
 - (a) Benazir Bhutto
 - (b) Nawaz Sharif
 - (c) Pervez Musharraf
 - (d) None of the above

5. In which case was the real power with external powers and not with the locally elected representatives?
 - (a) India in Sri Lanka
 - (b) US in Iraq
 - (c) USSR in Communist Poland
 - (d) Both (b) and (c)

6. 'One person, one vote' means:
 - (a) One person is to be voted by all
 - (b) One person has one vote and each vote has one value

- (c) A person can vote only once in his life
- (d) both (a) and (c)

7. How many members are elected to the National People's Congress from all over China?

- (a) 3050
- (b) 3000
- (c) 4000
- (d) 2000

8. Why can the Chinese government not be called a democratic government even though elections are held there?

- (a) Army participates in election
- (b) Government is not accountable to the people
- (c) Some parts of China are not represented at all
- (d) Government is always formed by the Communist Party

9. Which party always won elections in Mexico since its independence in 1930 until 2000?

- (a) Revolutionary Party
- (b) Mexican Revolutionary Party
- (c) Institutional Revolutionary Party
- (d) Institutional Party

10. Democracy must be based on

- (a) One-party system
- (b) Free and fair election
- (c) Choice from only the ruling party
- (d) All the above

Answer the following Questions.

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

Country A: People who do not accept the country's official religion do not have a right to vote.

Country B: The same party has been winning elections for the last twenty years.

Country C: The Ruling party has lost in the last three elections.

Country D: There is no independent election commission.

12. Each of these statements contains a democratic and undemocratic element.

Write out the two separately for each statement.

(a) A minister said that some laws have to be passed by the parliament in order to conform to the regulations decided by the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

(b) The Election Commission ordered re-polling in a constituency where large-scale rigging was reported.

(c) Women's representation in parliament has barely reached 10 per cent. This led women's organisations to demand one-third seats for women.

13. Write a response to the following arguments against democracy:

(a) The army is the most disciplined and corruption-free organisation in the country. Therefore, the army should rule the country.

(b) Rule of the majority means the rule of ignorant people. What we need is the rule of the wise, even if they are in small numbers.

(c) If we want religious leaders to guide us in spiritual matters, why not invite them to guide us in politics as well. The country should be ruled by religious leaders.

14. What is democracy? Give examples of non-democratic countries?

15. Mention three instances which are exceptions of the principle of one person, one vote and one value.

16. What do you understand by the "broader meaning of democracy"? Explain in three points.

17. What is the role of citizens in a democracy?

18. Describe the arguments against democracy.

- 19.** Who can dismiss the national and provincial assemblies in Pakistan?
- 20.** What are the importance of people's right in a democracy?