

**The Schram Academy**  
**Social Science worksheet- MCQ and Question Bank**  
**What Is Democracy and Why Democracy**

**Class IX**

**I. Choose the appropriate answer for the following**

- 1) The word 'Democracy' comes from the Greek word
  - a) Democracia
  - b) Demokratia
  - c) Demos
  - d) Kratia
- 2) Who led a military coup in Pakistan in 1999?
  - a) Benazir Bhutto
  - b) Nawaz Sharif
  - c) Pervez Musharraf
  - d) None of the above
- 3) In August 2002, Musharraf issued a 'Legal Framework Order' that amended the Constitution of Pakistan. According to this Order, the President could :
  - a) appoint the National Assemblies
  - b) dismiss the National and Provincial Assemblies
  - c) amend the Constitution on his own
  - d) declare elections
- 4) '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)
- 5) 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
- 6) Which party always won elections in Mexico since its independence in 1930 until 2000?
  - a) Revolutionary Party
  - b) Mexican Revolutionary
  - c) Institutional Revolutionary Party
  - d) Institutional Party

Party

- 7) 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
- 8) 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
- 9) Which organ of the government is required to protect the rights of the citizens?
- a) Executive      b) Legislature      c) Independent judiciary      d) Police
- 10) A democratic government has to respect some rules after winning the elections. Which of these points is not a part of those rules
- a) Respecting guarantees given to the minorities.      b) Every major decision has to go through a series of consultations.      c) Office-bearers are not accountable      d) Office-bearers have some responsible
- 11) 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
- 12) Some of the drawbacks of democracy are --
- a) instability and delays      b) corruption and hypocrisy      c) politicians fighting among themselves      d) all the above
- 13) . 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
- 14) 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      c) ) it is a more accountable form of government      d) none of the above

people

- 15) 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
- 16) How does democracy allow us to correct its own mistakes?
- a) Mistakes are hidden and cannot be corrected      b) The rulers can be changed      c) Re-electing the same government to enable it to correct its mistakes      d) None of the above
- 17) Which body in Indian political system is an example of direct democracy?
- a) Zila Parishad      b) Panchayat Samiti      c) Gram Sabha      d) Vidhan Sabha
- 18) Which of these is an example of perfect democracy?
- a) USA      b) UK      c) India      d) None of the above
- 19) 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
- 20) 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

### **Question bank**

1. Define the term democracy and state its features.
2. . How can you say that every government that holds an election is not a democracy? Give an example to prove your point .
3. In China, elections are held after every five years. In spite of this, China does not have a democratic government. Why?
3. In which way is the right to vote denied in Saudi Arabia and Fiji?

4. 'Democracy is based on consultation and discussion.' Explain
5. Why is it not possible for the people to rule directly but through elected representatives?
6. Why is Democracy considered the best form of government? Give three reasons.

OR

Despite its demerits why is democracy the most preferred form of government? Explain.

7. Explain any three differences between democratic country and non-democratic country?
8. "Democracy allows people to correct their own mistakes". Support the given statement with three points.
9. Enumerate the arguments given against democracy.
10. How does a democratic government rule within limits set by Constitutional Law? Give three reasons.
11. Why is democracy called a "government by discussion"?

OR

"Democracy improves the quality of decision making. 'Explain.