**What is Democracy? Why Democracy?**

**EXTRA QUESTIONS**

Explain any three differences between democratic country and non-democratic country?

In a Democratic countryIn a non-democratic country

i Each adult citizen has a vote i Election do not offer a choice and fair

opportunity

 ii Each vote has one value  **ii Rulers are not elected by the people**

 iii Free and fair elections are held. iii the rulers have unlimited power.

2. How does democracy improve the quality of decision making?

**When a number of people put their heads together, they are able to point out possible mistakes in any decision**. Even though this takes time but taking time over important decisions is a must. This reduces the chances of rash or irresponsible decisions. Thus, democracy improves the quality of decision making.

3. How does democracy enhance the dignity of citizens? Give example in the context of India?

Democracy is based on the principle of equality where every citizen irrespective of his/her caste or class has the right to vote. **People whether educated or not elect their own representatives**. This makes the people rulers themselves. This enhances the dignity of citizens.

4. How is democracy better than other forms of government?

A democratic government is a **better government because it is a more accountable form of government**. Democracy improves the quality of Decision Making. Democracy provides a method to deal with differences and conflicts. Democracy allows people to correct their own mistakes.

5. What does ‘one person, one vote, one value’ mean? Name the countries who deny the equal right to vote.

 'One person, one vote, one value' means every person should get the right to vote and every vote must have one value. But there are many instances of denial of equal right to vote:

1. In **Saudi Arabia** women do not have the right to vote.

6. Is it correct that a democratic government cannot do whatever it likes? Explain

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7. How popular governments can be undemocratic? Explain with an example.

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