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**Std-X**

**Democratic Politics**

**L. No - 6 : Political Parties**

**General Instructions:**

1. Check the answers of worksheet-3 with the answer key provided and make necessary corrections.
2. Read the lesson thoroughly.

**Note: This file contains answers of worksheet-3.**

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**Democratic Politics: L.no-6-Political Parties- Answer Key MM-20**

**Concepts- Challenges to political parties, Political reforms**

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|  | **Answer the following:** |
| **Ans.1** | Changing party allegiance from the party on which a person got elected to a different party is called as Defection. |
| **Ans.2** | AIADMK, DMK, Assam Gano Parishad etc |
| **Ans.3** | a) All over the world there is a tendency in political parties towards the concentration of power in one or few leaders at the top. |
|  | b) Parties do not keep membership register , do not hold organizational meetings and do not conduct internal elections regularly. |
|  | c) Ordinary members of the party do not get sufficient information on what happens inside the party. |
|  | d) They do not have the means or the connections needed to influence the decisions. As a result the leaders assume greater power to make decisions in the name of the party. |
|  | e) More than loyalty to party policies ,personal loyalty to the leader becomes more important. |
| **Ans.4** | Efforts and suggestions to reform political parties are as follows: |
|  | **a) Anti-Defection:** |
|  | i) The Constitution was amended to prevent elected MLAs and MPs from changing parties. Many were indulged in Defection in order to become ministers or for cash rewards. |
|  | ii) Now the law says that if any MLA or MP changes parties , he or she will lose the seat in the legislature. |
|  | **b) Affidavit:** |
|  | i)The Supreme Court passed an order to reduce the influence of money and criminals . |
|  | ii) Now, it is mandatory for every candidate who contests elections to file an Affidavit giving details of his property and criminal cases pending against him. |
|  | iii) The new system has made a lot of information available to the public. |
|  | **c) Income Tax Returns:** |
|  | i) The Election Commission passed an order making it necessary for political parties to hold their organizational elections and file income tax returns. |
|  | **d) Regulate internal affairs:** |
|  | i) A law should be made to regulate the internal affairs of political parties. |
|  | ii) It should be made compulsory for political parties to maintain a register of its member’s to follow its own constitution, to act as a judge in case of party disputes to hold open elections to the highest posts. |
|  | **e) Seats reserved –women** |
|  | i) It should be made mandatory for political parties to give a minimum number of tickets , about one third to women candidates. |
|  | **f) State funding:** |
|  | i) There should be state funding of elections. The government should give parties money to support their election expenses in the form of petrol, paper telephone etc. |
| **Ans.5** | a) People can put pressure on political parties through petitions, publicity and agitations. |
|  | b) Ordinary citizens, pressure groups and movements and the media can play an important role in this. |
|  | c) If political parties feel that they would lose public support by not taking up reforms , they would become more serious about reforms. |
|  | d) Political parties can improve if those who want this join political parties . |
|  | e) The quality of democracy depends on the degree of public participation. |
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| **Ans.7** | **Growing role of money and muscle power:** |
|  | i)Since parties are focussed only on winning elections ,they tend to use short-cuts to win elections. |
|  | ii) They tend to nominate those candidates who have or can raise lots of money |
|  | iii) Rich people and companies who give funds to the parties tend to have influence on the policies and decisions of the party. Parties support criminals who can win elections . |
| **Ans.8** | **Dynastic Succession:** |
|  | i) Since most political parties do not practice open and transparent procedures for their functioning ,there are very few ways for an ordinary worker to rise to the top in a party. |
|  | ii) Those who happen to be the leaders are in a position of unfair advantage to favour people close to them or even their family members. |
|  | iii) In many parties ,the top positions are always controlled by the members of one family .This is unfair to other members of that party. |
|  | iv) This is also bad for democracy, since people who do not have adequate experience or popular support come to occupy positions of power . |

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