

- 1. Which of the following statements about the reasons for conducting elections are false?
- (a) Elections enable people to judge the performance of the government.
- (b) People select the representative of their choice in an election.
- (c) Elections enable people to evaluate the performance of the judiciary.
- (d) People can indicate which policies they prefer. Answer: (c) Elections enable people to evaluate the performance of the judiciary.
- 2. Which of these is not a good reason to say that Indian elections are democratic?
- (a) India has the largest number of voters in the world.
- (b) India's Election Commission is very powerful.
- (c) In India, everyone above the age of 18 has a right to vote.
- (d) In India, the losing parties accept the electoral verdict.

Answer: (a) India has the largest number of voters in the world.

3. Match the following:

(a) It is necessary to keep the voters' list up to date because	(i) there is a fair representation of all sections of our society
(b) Some constituencies are reserved for SCs and STs so that	(ii) everyone has equal opportunity to elect their representatives
(c) Everyone has one and only one vote so that	(iii) all candidates must have a fair chance of competing in elections
(d) Party in power is not allowed to use government vehicles because	(iv) some people may have moved away from the area where they voted last

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4. List all the different election related activities mentioned in the chapter and arrange them in a time sequence, beginning with the first activity and ending with the last. Some of these activities are given below: releasing election manifestos; counting of votes; making of voters' list; election campaign; declaration of election results; casting of votes; ordering of re-poll; announcing election schedule; filing nomination.

Answer:

Making of voters' list \rightarrow Announcing election schedule \rightarrow Releasing election manifesto \rightarrow Election campaign \rightarrow Filing nomination \rightarrow Casting of votes \rightarrow Ordering of re-poll \rightarrow Counting of votes \rightarrow Declaration of election results.

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