

Democracy

III. Short Answer Type Questions:

Q1. 'Democracy means rule by the common people'. Justify the statement.

Ans. 1:- Democracy means rule by the common people:

- (i) It is a form of government in which people elect their own representatives.
- (ii) People are supreme. Nobody or institution is above them.
- (iii) The government is answerable to the people and only the people can change it through constitutional provisions.
- (iv) It is the people who give the government the power to make decisions and enforce laws.

Q2. What are the main features of a monarchy?

Ans. 2:- The main features of a monarchy are:

- (i) In a monarchy, the head of the royal family is the head of the nation.
- (ii) The monarch or the king or queen is succeeded by his or her closest relative in hereditary succession.
- (iii) In this system the monarch take decisions and runs the government with the help of a small group of ministers or advisors.
- (iv) The kings or the queens don't have to explain their actions, neither do they have to defend their decisions in front of anybody.

Q3. Write a brief note on Universal Adult Franchise.

Ans. 3:-

- (i) It is an essential feature of a democracy.
- (ii) It means that all adults in the country have the power to vote.

- (iii) No government can claim itself to be a democratic government without allowing all eligible adults to vote.
- (iv) In India the voting age is 18 years.
- (v) All citizens of India who have attained the age of 18 years or above, can vote whether they are men or women, rich or poor, educated or uneducated.

Q4. Why do think that equality is the central theme of a democracy?

Ans. 4:- Equality is the central theme of a democracy because:

- (i) Equality is the pre-condition that ensures justice for all the people of a society or country.
- (ii) In democracy, everybody is given an equal status.
- (iii) No discrimination is done on the basis of caste, religion, colour, race, etc.
- (iv) Every individual has equal political, economic and civil rights.
- (v) The value of each vote is equal whether it is of the rich or the poor.

Q5. What do you know about a coalition government?

Ans. 5:- If no single party wins a clear majority, two or more parties may join together to obtain majority. That is, their collective strength in the assembly would provide the required majority to form a government. This type of government is called a coalition government.