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POLITICAL SCIENCE

CHAPTER 05

Outcomes of Democracy



NCERT SOLUTIONS

ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, LEGITIMATE

QUESTION 1

How does democracy produce an accountable, responsive and legitimate government?

ANSWER

1. Accountable

Government must answer to people.

People choose rulers in regular elections and can vote them out. Public discussion and access to information help citizens question decisions.

2. Responsive

Government is expected to address people's needs.

Citizens can raise demands through elections, debate and public participation. This puts pressure on rulers to respond.

3. Legitimate

Government rests on people's consent.

People elect their representatives under accepted rules. This makes government their own and gives it public authority.

Important:

Democracy creates these opportunities. Its actual record can still include delays, corruption or unmet needs.

ACCOMMODATING SOCIAL DIVERSITY

QUESTION 2

What are the conditions under which democracies accommodate social diversities?

ANSWER

1. The majority must work with the minority.

Majority and minority groups should cooperate so that government represents the general view, rather than only one group's interests.

2. Majority rule must not become permanent community rule.

A religious, linguistic or caste community must not always dominate power simply because it has more members.

3. Everyone must have a fair chance to be in a majority.

Different groups can form different majorities on different questions. Citizens must have equal rights and chances to participate.

Conclusion

These conditions allow peaceful negotiation of differences. Social differences do not have to disappear for people to live together.

DEMOCRACY, GROWTH AND INEQUALITY

QUESTION 3 - FIRST TWO ASSERTIONS

Give arguments to support or oppose the following assertions.

ASSERTION 1

Industrialised countries can afford democracy but the poor need dictatorship to become rich.

ANSWER: Oppose.

Dictatorship does not guarantee wealth. Economic growth also depends on population, the world economy, cooperation with other countries and national priorities. The chapter finds no large growth difference between poor democracies and poor dictatorships. Poor people also need democratic rights.

ASSERTION 2

Democracy can't reduce inequality of incomes between different citizens.

ANSWER: Partly supported by its record, but too absolute.

The chapter shows that income inequality persists in democracies. Equal votes do not automatically create equal incomes. However, this does not prove that democracy can never reduce inequality. Citizens can demand action to reduce poverty and improve opportunities.

Conclusion: Democracy alone does not guarantee either wealth or equal incomes.

DEMOCRACY, PUBLIC SPENDING AND EQUALITY

QUESTION 3 - LAST TWO ASSERTIONS

Give arguments to support or oppose the following assertions.

ASSERTION 3

Government in poor countries should spend less on poverty reduction, health, education and spend more on industries and infrastructure.

ANSWER: Oppose.

Industries and infrastructure matter, but poor people also need food, health care and education. Ignoring these needs can deepen poverty and inequality. Development should improve people's lives, so spending on basic needs must accompany economic investment.

ASSERTION 4

In democracy all citizens have one vote, which means that there is absence of any domination and conflict.

ANSWER: Oppose.

One person, one vote establishes political equality. It does not remove social prejudice, unequal wealth or all conflict. Powerful groups may still dominate. Democracy gives people peaceful ways to challenge injustice and negotiate differences.

Conclusion: Equal voting rights are essential, but further effort is needed to achieve social and economic equality.



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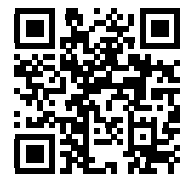


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