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CBSE Class 10 · Social Science

Outcomes of Democracy

10 most probable questions for Boards 2027

Q1. 1 mark · Multiple choice

What does transparency in democratic decision-making enable a citizen to do?
(A) Examine whether a decision followed proper procedures
(B) Replace elected representatives without an election
(C) Make every government decision personally
(D) Prevent public discussion of government decisions

Answer

(A) Examine whether a decision followed proper procedures — a citizen who wants to know if a decision was taken through the correct procedures can find this out.

Q2. 2 marks · Short answer

Name two democratic practices that help citizens assess how their government functions.

Answer

Citizens can assess government functioning through open public debate on major policies and legislations, and their right to information about the government and its functioning.

Q3. 3 marks · Medium answer

Assess the limitations of democratic governments in sharing information, meeting people's needs, and remaining free of corruption. Include how these limitations affect citizens and whether the textbook presents non-democracies as better on these measures.

Answer

1. Democratic governments often fail to share information with citizens, limiting their ability to examine decision-making and hold the government accountable.
2. Democratic governments often frustrate people's needs, ignore the demands of a majority, and are not free of corruption, as routine tales of corruption show.
3. There is nothing to show that non-democracies are less corrupt or more sensitive to people.

Q4. 5 marks · Long answer

Explain how democracy gives citizens control over rulers and opportunities to participate in decisions. Why can democratic decision-making take more time, and what may be gained through its procedures?

Answer

Democracy enables citizens to choose their rulers and exercise control over them.

1. Regular, free and fair elections allow citizens to choose their representatives. Elections give people a means of holding rulers accountable.

2. Citizens can participate in decision-making that affects them. Open public debate on major policies and legislations, together with mechanisms for participation, gives citizens opportunities to express their needs and expectations.

3. Democratic decision-making can take more time because democracy is based on deliberation and negotiation. Rulers must follow procedures and consider majorities and public opinion, unlike non-democratic rulers who can decide quickly without these processes.

4. Following procedures allows citizens to examine how decisions are made, ensuring transparency. Decisions reached through these procedures may be more acceptable to people and more effective.

Although democratic procedures take time, they help produce a government that is accountable and responsive to citizens.

Q5. 1 mark · Very short answer

State one shortcoming of democracies in providing fair elections or public debate on decisions.

Answer

Most democracies fall short of providing a fair chance to everyone in elections or subjecting every decision to public debate.

Q6. 2 marks · Short answer

Why might democratically elected governments not address poverty as keenly as expected, despite poor people forming a large share of voters?

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Q7. 3 marks · Medium answer

Explain three factors, other than the type of political regime, that can influence a country's economic development.

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Q8. 5 marks · Long answer

Analyse the textbook's account of economic inequality in democracies. In your answer, explain the contrast between political equality and the distribution of wealth, and describe the difficulties faced by people at the bottom of society.

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Q9. 1 mark · Multiple choice

Which two economic outcomes are compared in the evidence presented about democracy?

(A) Economic growth and income inequality

(B) Employment and literacy

(C) Inflation and exports

(D) Taxation and public debt

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Q10. 2 marks · Short answer

What does the textbook mean when it says that majority and minority opinions are not permanent?

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