

Assignment: **Subject: - Social Science** **Class: - VI** **Teacher: - Mrs. Shilpa Grover**

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Ch- 3 What is Government?

1. Define Government.

Government is a set of institutions that have the power to make, implement and interpret laws so as to ensure an orderly life. Government consists of group of people who are assigned the task of administering and managing the affairs of the nation.

2. What do you mean by decentralization of power?

The division of power between the Central, State and the local government is called decentralisation of power. The basic idea of decentralisation is that at the local level the people are able to directly participate in the decision making process of the government.

3. Write a short note on Monarchy.

A monarchy has either a king or a queen. A monarch is not an elected person but get power hereditarily. In some traditional monarchies, the monarch has supreme power. However, in a constitutional monarchy, like the UK, the democratic government limits the monarch's control.

4. Give any one difference between federal form of government and unitary form of government.

In a unitary form of government, the central government gives power to states, provinces or other lower level of governments. In a federal form of government, division of powers between the national and the lower levels of government is laid down by the constitution.

5. What are the main features of a democratic country?

The main features of a democratic country are:-

- I. People have the power to elect their representative to form and run the government and also to take decision on their behalf.
- II. The competitive elections are held at regular intervals.
- III. There is a separation of powers between the three organs of the state i.e. legislature, executive and judiciary.
- IV. Freedom of speech and expression.
- V. Fundamental rights are enjoyed by its citizens.
- VI. Effective participation of the people in the decision making process.

6. Democracy is a better form of government. Explain

The forms of government like monarchy and dictatorship (of a military or of a political party), the Rural or group-wields supreme power and people have no remedy against its misuse. There is no individual freedom, freedom of speech or expression to the people. On the other hand, in a democratic system, the people have rights to participate in the working of the government and the government is accountable to the people

7. List five ways in which you think the government effects your daily life.

- I. The government provides legal supports to its citizens against any discrimination and injustice.
- II. It maintains peace and so keeps society in order.
- III. It controls crime.
- IV. It assists people to lead proper life.
- V. In the event of natural calamities, the government provides all emergency assistance to the affected people.

8. Why do you think the government needs to make rules for everyone in the form of laws?

The government needs laws to maintain peace and order in society. Law establishes justice. It is mend to achieve constitutional ideas Le. equality and right against discrimination. Law makes it compulsory for the people to obey it.

9. Name two essential features of a democratic government.

Two essential features of a democratic government are :

- I. Democracy is a rule by the people. It is people who rule themselves by participating in the making of these rules.
- II. In a democracy people have the power to elect their leaders. These leaders or representatives meet and make decisions for the entire population.

10. How is democracy different from monarchy?

Democracy is a government of the people, by the people and for the people. In this type of government people are supreme because it is they who give the government power. The government has to explain its actions and defend its decisions to the people.

In a monarchy, it is the King or queen who has the power to make decisions and run the government. The monarch may have a small group of people to discuss matters with, but the final decision-making power remains with the monarch. Unlike in a democracy, kings and queens do not have to explain their actions or defend the decisions they take.

11. What does the government do for the welfare of its citizens?

The government does a variety of works for the welfare of its citizens:

- I. It makes decisions and gets things done.
- II. It builds roads and schools.
- III. It takes decisions about how to reduce the price of essential goods when they get too expensive or ways to increase the supply of electricity.
- IV. It supervises postal and railway services.
- V. At the time of natural calamities, it organises aid and assistance for the affected people.
- VI. It makes laws for the safety of its citizens. For example, there is a law that says that all persons driving a two-wheeler must wear helmet.