

CLASS - VII

SUBJECT - S.S.T (CIVICS) Chapter - 1 'Democracy and Equality'

There are three main types or forms of government that exist in the world today. These important systems of powers are democracy, monarchy and dictatorship.

Democracy In simple words democracy means the rule by common people. It is a form of government in which people elect their own representatives.

Monarchy In a monarchy, the head of the royal family is the head of the nation. The monarch or the king or queen is succeeded by his or her closest relative in hereditary succession.

Dictatorship In a dictatorship, people have no rights and all the powers rest in the hands of one man.

In India the six fundamental Rights recognized by the Constitution are as follows

- (i) Right to Equality (ii) Rights to Freedom of Speech and Expression, Right against Exploitation, Right to Freedom of Religion, Cultural and Educational Right, The Right to Constitutional Remedies

One of the objectives of the Indian Constitution is to bring about equality. It has provisions in order to bring this about. Some of the provisions are:

In Article 15

The state shall not discriminate against any citizen on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.

In Article 16

The Constitution provides equality of opportunity in matters relating to public employment, or appointment to any office under the state.

In Article 17

The Constitution declares untouchability and its practice in any form as 'forbidden' and the enforcement of any disability arising out of untouchability as 'an offence punishable in accordance with the law.'

The government has also passed laws to ensure that people with disabilities are given equal opportunities. In 1955 the Disabilities Act was passed by the Government of India.

HOME WORK

Note - Learn and write these question answers.

Ques - Answer these questions

- (i) What is Dictatorship?
- (ii) Disabilities act was passed in which year?
- (iii) What does Article 16 state
- (iv) Write the name of Fundamental Rights.

Ques - Fill in the blanks

- (i) In _____ the Disabilities Act was passed by government of India.
- (ii) In simple words _____ means the rule by common people.
- (iii) In India the _____ Fundamental Rights recognized by the Constitution.

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Ques 3. State True or false.

- (i) Democracy is rule by the people.
- (ii) In a monarchy the head of the royal family is the head of the family.
- (iii) There are different types of government in the world.

Ques 4. Choose the correct option.

- (i) In India the _____ makes laws for us.
(a) government (b) Supreme Court (c) Parliament (d) Village Panchayat
- (ii) Saddam Hussain was
(a) Dictator (b) Monarch (c) democrat (d) None of these