



Practice Worksheet on Democracy

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Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the historical context of democracy, highlighting its origins and evolution in ancient Greece.
2. Distinguish between direct and representative democracy, providing examples of each.
3. Identify and explain at least four core principles of a democratic system.
4. Define pluralism and discuss its importance in a democratic society.
5. What are civil liberties? Provide at least five examples and discuss their importance in a democracy.
6. Explain the significance of the rule of law in a democratic system.
7. Describe the concept of checks and balances in a democratic government.

8. Explain the importance of judicial independence in a democratic society.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Where did democracy originate?

- a) Ancient Rome
- b) Ancient Greece
- c) Ancient Egypt
- d) Ancient China

2. What type of democracy involves elected officials representing citizens?

- a) Monarchy
- b) Representative Democracy
- c) Dictatorship
- d) Totalitarianism

3. Which of the following is a core tenet of democracy?

- a) Freedom of speech
- b) Absolute obedience
- c) Limited suffrage
- d) Strict censorship

4. What describes a pluralistic society?

- a) One dominant group
- b) Multiple competing groups
- c) No political parties
- d) Uniform ideologies

5. What does the rule of law represent?

- a) Unlimited government power
- b) Accountability under the law
- c) Arbitrary rule
- d) Absence of justice

6. What is a key feature preventing the abuse of power?

- a) Concentration of power
- b) Separation of powers
- c) Unlimited executive authority
- d) Unitary government

7. What is crucial for impartial justice?

- a) Government control of courts
- b) Independent judiciary
- c) Politicized judges
- d) Bias in judicial decisions

8. What safeguards individual liberties in a democracy?

- a) Suppression of dissent
- b) Protection of minority rights
- c) Disregard for human rights
- d) Violation of fundamental freedoms

Answer Key

Long Answer Questions - Expected Responses

1. Explain the historical context of democracy, highlighting its origins and evolution in ancient Greece.

Expected Answer: Athens is considered the birthplace of democracy, as it was where citizens had a direct say in government decisions.

2. Distinguish between direct and representative democracy, providing examples of each.

Expected Answer: Direct democracy allows citizens to directly participate in decision-making, while representative democracy involves electing representatives to make decisions on their behalf.

3. Identify and explain at least four core principles of a democratic system.

Expected Answer: The concept of democracy involves principles such as free and fair elections, protection of human rights, the rule of law, and separation of powers.

4. Define pluralism and discuss its importance in a democratic society.

Expected Answer: A pluralistic society embraces the co-existence of diverse groups with varying views, ensuring that no single perspective dominates.

5. What are civil liberties? Provide at least five examples and discuss their importance in a democracy.

Expected Answer: Civil liberties are fundamental rights that safeguard individual freedoms, preventing government overreach and protecting individual expression.

6. Explain the significance of the rule of law in a democratic system.

Expected Answer: The rule of law ensures that everyone, including those in power,

is subject to and accountable under the law, thereby preventing arbitrary exercise of authority.

7. Describe the concept of checks and balances in a democratic government.

Expected Answer: Checks and balances are mechanisms that limit the power of any single branch of government, thereby preventing concentration of power and upholding democratic principles.

8. Explain the importance of judicial independence in a democratic society.

Expected Answer: Judicial independence ensures that the courts are free from political influence, enabling impartial adjudication and safeguarding the rule of law.

Multiple Choice Questions – Correct Answers

1. Where did democracy originate?

Correct Answer: Ancient Greece

2. What type of democracy involves elected officials representing citizens?

Correct Answer: Representative Democracy

3. Which of the following is a core tenet of democracy?

Correct Answer: Freedom of speech

4. What describes a pluralistic society?

Correct Answer: Multiple competing groups

5. What does the rule of law represent?

Correct Answer: Accountability under the law

6. What is a key feature preventing the abuse of power?

Correct Answer: Separation of powers

7. What is crucial for impartial justice?

Correct Answer: Independent judiciary

8. What safeguards individual liberties in a democracy?

Correct Answer: Protection of minority rights