



Practice Worksheet on Elections and Democracy

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Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the significance of elections as a means of achieving democracy and the role of citizens in the electoral process.
2. Analyze the indicators of high and low voter turnout and their implications for the legitimacy of the ruling power.
3. Discuss the conditions that must be met for elections to be considered democratic and fair, with a focus on Lebanon's context.
4. Elaborate on the significance of a fair electoral system in ensuring that citizen's interests are properly represented.
5. Determine the various roles and responsibilities of citizens within the electoral process, and explain why each is crucial.
6. Evaluate the conditions that make elections fair and impartial, and discuss the

steps that should be taken to ensure they are followed.

7. Describe the key elements of a transparent and unbiased candidate selection process for elections, considering potential challenges and solutions.

8. Analyze the importance of ensuring fair representation of all citizens' interests within an electoral system, including the interests of minority and marginalized groups.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which of the following indicates a high voter turnout?

- a) Apathy among citizens
- b) High citizen engagement in public affairs
- c) Lack of trust in the electoral process
- d) A decline in the legitimacy of the ruling power

2. Which of the following best promotes fair and credible elections?

- a) Voting is mandatory for all citizens
- b) The electoral process is poorly monitored
- c) The electoral process is transparent and unbiased
- d) There is limited access to information about candidates

3. What is the primary goal of a democratic electoral system?

- a) To ensure that all citizens' voices are heard.
- b) To limit political participation to a small group of elites.
- c) To concentrate power in the hands of a single political party.
- d) To discourage public debate and dissent.

4. Which of the following contributes to the legitimacy of an electoral system?

- a) Apathy among voters
- b) Fair and transparent electoral processes
- c) Limited access to information
- d) Intimidation or coercion of voters

5. Which of the following principles should guide the electoral process?

- a) The electoral process should be quick and rushed
- b) The electoral process must ensure all voters have a chance to vote
- c) The electoral process should favour a specific party
- d) The electoral process does not require the participation of political parties

6. What is an important aspect of holding candidates accountable?

- a) Only those who are wealthy should be eligible to run for office
- b) Candidates should not be required to disclose their financial interests
- c) Candidates should be held accountable for their campaign promises
- d) Voters should be discouraged from researching candidates' backgrounds

7. Which of the following promotes transparency in elections?

- a) Restricting media coverage of the elections
- b) Suppressing dissenting voices
- c) Ensuring free and fair access to information
- d) Limiting public debate

8. Which of the following helps ensure fair representation in elections?

- a) Apathy or distrust among voters
- b) A well-funded and well-organized campaign
- c) A fair and equitable electoral system
- d) Unequal access to resources

Answer Key

Long Answer Questions - Expected Responses

1. Explain the significance of elections as a means of achieving democracy and the role of citizens in the electoral process.

Expected Answer: Elections are a way for citizens to participate in democracy and hold their leaders accountable. Citizens vote for candidates they believe will serve the public good.

2. Analyze the indicators of high and low voter turnout and their implications for the legitimacy of the ruling power.

Expected Answer: High voter turnout shows public interest; low turnout indicates apathy or lack of awareness.

3. Discuss the conditions that must be met for elections to be considered democratic and fair, with a focus on Lebanon's context.

Expected Answer: Fair electoral laws, ensuring that all voices are represented, and transparent processes are essential for democratic elections.

4. Elaborate on the significance of a fair electoral system in ensuring that citizen's interests are properly represented.

Expected Answer: An effective electoral system guarantees fair representation of citizens' interests.

5. Determine the various roles and responsibilities of citizens within the electoral process, and explain why each is crucial.

Expected Answer: The role of the citizen is to research candidates, participate in voting, and hold elected officials accountable.

6. Evaluate the conditions that make elections fair and impartial, and discuss the

steps that should be taken to ensure they are followed.

Expected Answer: Fair districting, campaign finance limits, and transparent voting procedures are vital for fair elections.

7. Describe the key elements of a transparent and unbiased candidate selection process for elections, considering potential challenges and solutions.

Expected Answer: The candidate selection process must be fair and transparent, with clear eligibility criteria to ensure that suitable candidates are selected.

8. Analyze the importance of ensuring fair representation of all citizens' interests within an electoral system, including the interests of minority and marginalized groups.

Expected Answer: The electoral system should guarantee the fair representation of all citizens' interests, including minorities and marginalized groups.

Multiple Choice Questions – Correct Answers

1. Which of the following indicates a high voter turnout?

Correct Answer: High citizen engagement in public affairs

2. Which of the following best promotes fair and credible elections?

Correct Answer: The electoral process is transparent and unbiased

3. What is the primary goal of a democratic electoral system?

Correct Answer: To ensure that all citizens' voices are heard.

4. Which of the following contributes to the legitimacy of an electoral system?

Correct Answer: Fair and transparent electoral processes

5. Which of the following principles should guide the electoral process?

Correct Answer: The electoral process must ensure all voters have a chance to vote

6. What is an important aspect of holding candidates accountable?

Correct Answer: Candidates should be held accountable for their campaign promises

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Correct Answer: Ensuring free and fair access to information

8. Which of the following helps ensure fair representation in elections?

Correct Answer: A fair and equitable electoral system