



GOVERNMENT

SOLUTIONS:

EXERCISES

1. Answer the following questions in one word or a sentence:

(a) Why has direct democracy become almost impossible?

Ans: Direct democracy has become almost impossible because of the big size of population and vast territory of the state.

(b) Why were poor people not allowed to vote?

Ans: Poor people were not allowed to vote because the country was once governed by the laws made by few autocratic men who did not give voting right to women, the property less and uneducated people.

(c) How can a king become tyrant?

Ans: A king can become a tyrant because in Monarchy the king need not explain their action nor defend the decisions they made.

2. Answer the following questions in about 30/40 words each:

(a) What was Gandhiji's argument against limited franchise?

Ans: Gandhiji was shocked and could not bear the idea that a man who got wealth should get the vote but a man who had got character but no wealth or literacy should had no vote. A man who honestly works by the sweat of his brow day in and day out should not have the vote for the crime of being a poor man. He demanded that all adults have the right to vote.

(b) How is the process of decision making in a Monarchy?

Ans: In monarchy, the King or the Queen has the power to make decision and run the government. The monarch (King or Queen) may be assisted by a small group of people to discuss matters. But the monarch reserves the final decision making power.

(c) Suggest one measure for raising the status of girl child.

Ans: More facilities must be given to families having girl child to raise their status. Seats should be kept reserved for women in government offices. At present, there are one third reserved seats for women in local self government.

(d) Why is representative government called the rule by the people?

Ans: In representative democracy, people elect leaders through elections. These representatives take decisions on behalf of the people. Thus, in democracy ultimate power rests in the hands of the people.

3. Choose the correct answers:

(i) Which equality is involved in the principle of one man, one vote?

- A. Social equality**
- B. Religions equality**
- C. Economic equality**
- D. Political equality**

(ii) Which one of the following is NOT an element of dictatorship?

- A. Sudden capture of power**
- B. No freedom of speech and expression**
- C. No opposition and criticism**

(iii) Which of the following is demanded by Mahatma Gandhi?

- A. Capitalism**
- B. Social inequality**
- C. Unemployment**
- D. Universal adult franchise**

Ans: (i)– D. Political Equality, (ii) C. No opposition and criticism, (iii) –D. Universal Adult Franchise



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