

#### CHAPTER - 19

#### **DEMOCRACY**

## **SOLUTIONS:**

#### **EXERCISES**

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

## (a) Why is democracy called government by the people?

**Ans:** Democracy is called government by the people because it is a form of government in which the rulers are elected by the people.

## (b) What is the name of the organisation led by Hijam Irabot?

**Ans:** Manipur Praja Sammelan. (It is an organization separated from the political organisation called Nikhil Manipuri Mahasabha, formerly known as Nikhil Hindu Manipuri Mahasabha for which Hijam Irabot was the president.)

#### (c) What is an Election Manifesto?

**Ans:** An Election Manifesto is a document issued by a political party which tells the voters what the party is willing to do when they come to power.

## (d) What is the principal objective of a political party?

**Ans:** The principal objective of a political party is to win power.

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

### (a) Why did India adopt a democratic constitution?

**Ans:** India adopted a democratic constitution to ensure liberty and equality to its citizens.

(Democracy is better because it promotes equality among citizens, ensures freedom to all citizens, enhances the dignity of individuals, improves the quality of decision making, provides a method to resolve conflicts and allows room to correct mistakes.)

# (b) State three important functions of a political party.

**Ans:** The three main functions of political parties are as follows:

- (i) to contest elections and hold political offices.
- (ii) to prepare policies and programmes of their respective party.
- (iii) to organise, educate and discipline the electorate.

### (c) What is the significance of equality in democracy?

**Ans:** Equality is a key feature of democracy and influences all aspects of its functioning.

## (d) What is a mid term election?

**Ans:** Sometimes the LokSabha or State Assembly may be dissolved before its term is over. Mid term election is an election done to constitute a new house in such a scenario.

### 3. Choose the correct answer:

- (i) Which one is not ideal in the preamble?
  - A. Educational Justice
  - **B.** Social Justice
  - C. Economic Justice
  - **D.** Political Justice
- (ii) In which year the National Democratic Alliance come to power?
  - A. 1996
  - B. 1997
  - C. 1998
  - D. 1999
- (iii) Indian Constitution Come into force?
  - A. 1949
  - B. 1950
  - C. 1951
  - D. 1952

Ans: (i) –A. Educational Justice, (ii) – C. 1998, (iii) – B. 1950

### 4. State True or False:

- (a) Democracy provides a method to resolve conflicts.
- (b) The constitution does not recognize every person as equal.
- (c) Non democratic rulers do not care about deliberation in legislatures or worry about majorities and public opinions.

Ans: (a) True. (b) False. (c) True.