

## **Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)**

**Q. 1. “There is an overwhelming support for the idea of democracy all over the world.” Support the statement.**

**Ans.** Over a hundred countries of the world today claim and practise some kind of democratic politics.

They have formal constitution, they hold elections, they have parties and they guarantee rights to citizens.

While these features are common to most of them, these democracies are very much different from one another in terms of their social situations, their economic achievements and their cultures.

Democracy is a government that is attentive to the needs and demands of the people and largely free of corruption.

**Q. 2. “Democratic government is attentive to the needs and demands of the people and is largely free of corruption.” Support your answer with arguments.**

**Or**

**Is democracy attentive to the needs of people? Is it free from corruption?**

**Ans.** The record of democracies is not impressive on these two counts.

**(i)** Democracies often frustrates the needs of people and ignore the demands of a majority of its population.

**(ii)** The routine tales of corruption are enough to convince us that democracy is not free from this evil.

**(iii)** Democracies also give right to the citizens to choose their representatives. Whenever possible, people are able to participate in decision making. But their decisions are not often followed.

**(iv)** At the same time, there is nothing to show that non-democracies are less corrupt or more sensitive to the people.

**Q. 3. How has corruption become a serious problem for Indian democracy?**

**Ans.** Democracies often frustrate the needs of people and ignore demands of a majority of its population.

It is an accepted fact that leaders use money to win votes and capitalists are supporting them.

Now a days we find that richer people are getting into politics, just to support parties and get their say in the parliament.

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Now many leaders are involved in scams which become a daily news in the newspaper. These leaders are mostly involved in corruption charges.

**Q. 4. How are complaints treated as testimony to the success of democracy?**

**Ans. (i)** Every individual wants to receive respect from fellow beings.

**(ii)** As people get some benefits of democracy, they ask for more and want to make democracy even better.

**(iii)** That is why, when we ask people about the way democracy functions, they will always come up with more expectations, and many complaints.

**(iv)** The fact that people are complaining is itself a testimony to the success of democracy.

**(v)** It shows that people have developed awareness and the ability to expect and to look critically at power holders and the high and the mighty.

**(vi)** A public expression of dissatisfaction with democracy shows the success of the democratic project. It transforms people from the status of a subject into that of citizens.