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CHAPTER 06

Democracy



NCERT SOLUTIONS



DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND VOTING

Q1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

A school cabinet was responsible for planning a Republic Day celebration, and members had different opinions on which activities to include. After a discussion, they decided to vote, and the activities supported by the majority were selected.

(a) Which democratic values are reflected in this situation?

(a) The situation shows participation, discussion, equality, respect for different opinions and collective decision-making. Members could share their views before voting.

(b) How does voting help resolve differences of opinion?

(b) Voting gives members a peaceful and fair way to choose between different proposals. After discussion, the option with majority support becomes the group's decision.

MAJORITY DECISIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Q1 (continued).

(c) Why is the majority decision important in a democracy?

A majority decision allows a group to act on the choice supported by more members. It helps turn discussion into a common decision. However, it must still respect the rights and opinions of those who disagree.

Q1 (continued).

(d) Mention responsibilities of elected representatives after a decision is made.

Elected representatives should:

- Carry out the decision responsibly and fairly.
- Explain what is being done and remain accountable to the people.
- Listen to concerns, including those of people who disagreed.
- Work for the common good while respecting rules and rights.

LAWS AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Q2. How would democracy be affected if citizens stopped following laws and civic responsibilities? Explain with an example.

- Democracy depends on rights as well as responsible behaviour.
- Ignoring laws can weaken order, fairness and respect for other people's rights.
- Neglecting public issues or spreading false information can reduce trust and informed participation.

Example from the chapter: Damaging public property weakens democratic values because it harms resources used by the community.

Citizens strengthen democracy by following laws, protecting public property, respecting others and using information responsibly.

POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY AND RULE OF LAW

Q3. Which situation best reflects the idea of popular sovereignty and why?

- (a) A law is passed without public discussion
- (b) Citizens vote to choose their representatives
- (c) A court gives a final judgment
- (d) A minister takes an independent decision

Q3. Correct option: (b).

Popular sovereignty means that the people are the ultimate source of power. By voting, citizens choose their representatives and give the government authority.

Q4. The Rule of Law is violated when:

- (a) Laws are applied equally to all
- (b) Courts review government actions
- (c) Powerful individuals are treated above the law
- (d) Citizens challenge laws through legal means

Q4. Correct option: (c).

The Rule of Law means that nobody is above the law. Treating powerful people as exceptions breaks this principle.

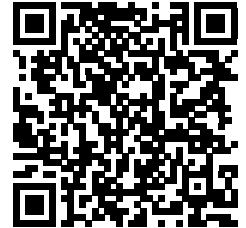


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