



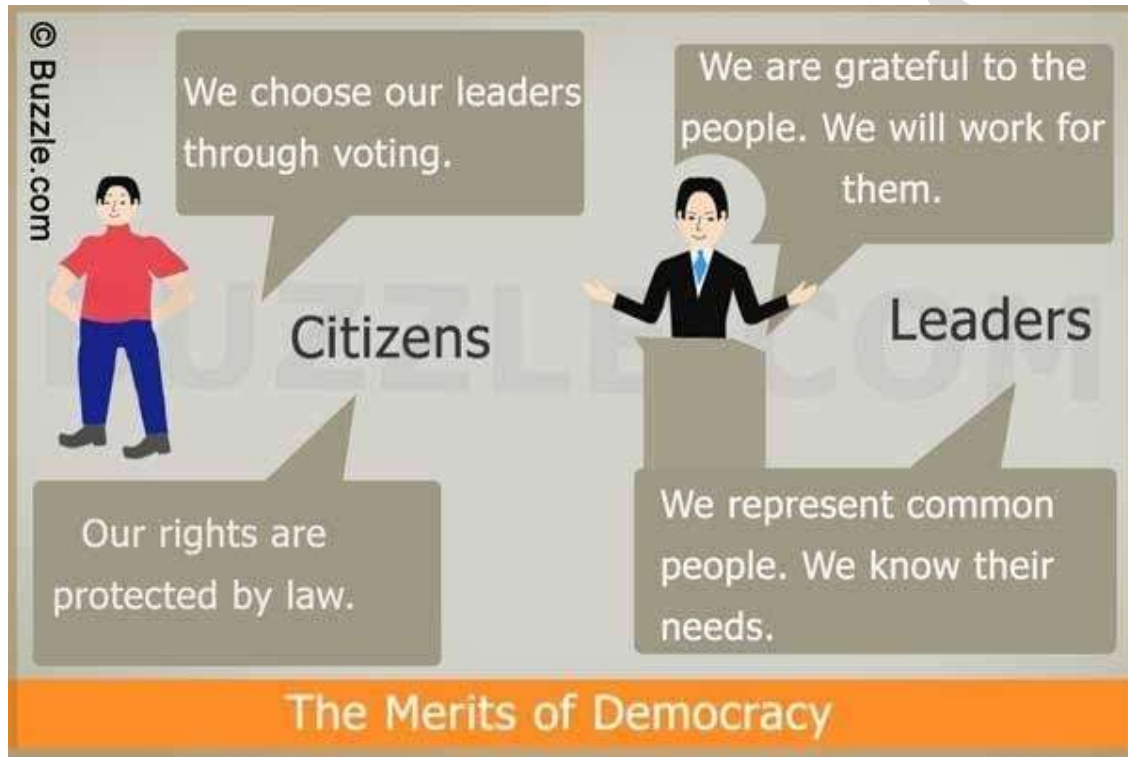
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SUBJECT: - Political Science

CHAPTER: - What is Democracy? Why Democracy?

TOPIC: - Merits of Democracy

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Merits of Democracy

- A democratic government is a better government because it is a more accountable form of government.
- Democracy improves the quality of decision making.
- Democracy provides a method to deal with differences and conflicts. It is suitable the countries like India. India having diversity of language, religion and cultures. Democracy in India made it possible to keep unity in diversity.
- In a democracy no one is a permanent winner or loser.

1. Democracies give people a chance to become personally involved with their government.

As the government in a democracy is under the control of the people and their voice, it is up to everyone to decide their fate. People can choose to vote in whatever way their morality dictates.



2.The structure of a democracy works to reduce issues with exploitation.

Democracy create checks and balances to assure that no single person receives supreme power over the legislative process. It prevents elected officials from ignoring the needs of the general population to help themselves.

3.A democracy encourages equality in a positive way.

A democracy gives each person the chance to cast a ballot irrespective of his/her social or economic status.

4.Democracies usually grow faster economically than other forms of government.

A democracy grants the freedom to look for different employment opportunities. It makes it possible for everyone to stay fruitful with their work.

5.Democracy does not create a centralized power base for ruling over the people.

There are equal powers distributed between the executive, legislative and judicial powers. Voters have an opportunity to change their elected officials every 5 years.

6.Countries that use democracy are less likely to enter into armed conflicts.

Democracies route through various legislative bodies which reduces the pursuit of war.

7.Democracy improves the quality of decision making as the decisions are debated and discussed at different levels and committees before they are finally implemented.

8.Democracy allows people to correct their own mistakes

If the people feel that the government elected by them is not looking after the welfare of the people, is not attentive towards the needs of the people, the people can change their representatives after 5 years in the next elections.



9.Democracy provides a method to deal with differences and conflicts.

A democratic structure provides people various peaceful platforms like strikes, protests, freedom of speech and expression which they can use to resolve conflicts.

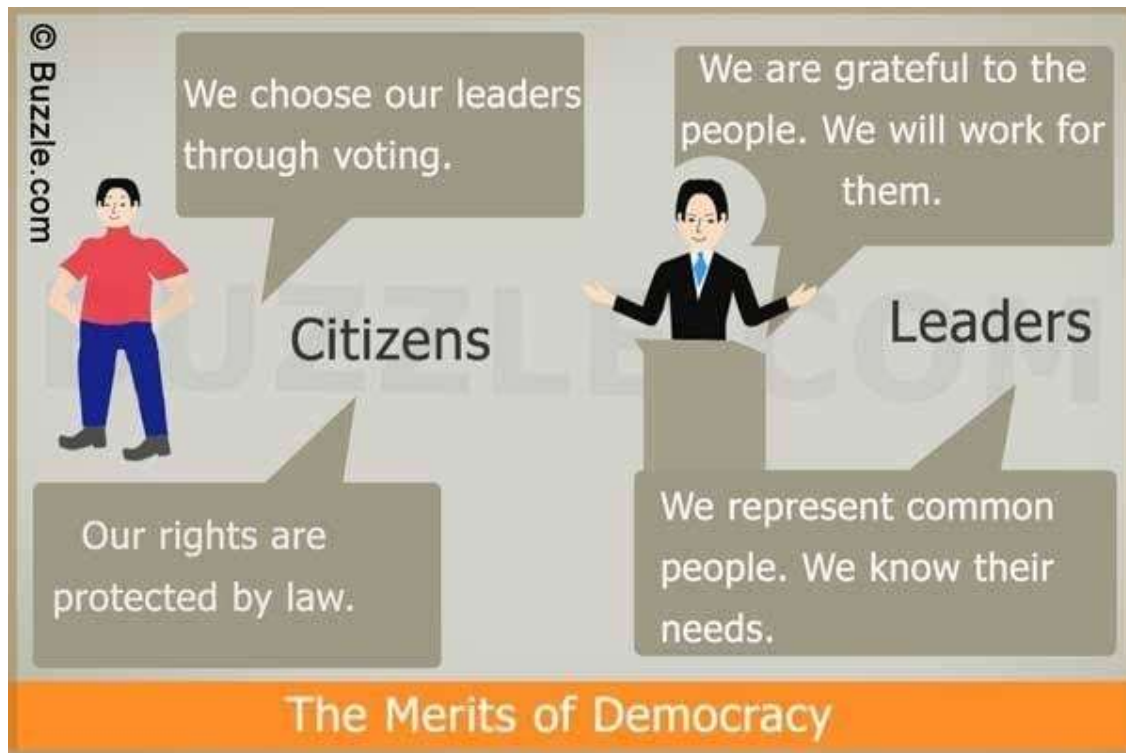
10. Democracy enhances the dignity of citizens as every citizen irrespective of his social, political and economic status feels that by choosing the representative, he/she has an equal opportunity as others in selecting the government.

ADVANTAGES OF DEMOCRACY:

It includes following advantages;

- It protects the interest of citizens.
- It prevents monopoly of authority
- It promotes equality.
- It makes for a responsible and stable administration
- It brings a feeling of obligation towards the citizens
- It imparts political education to the people
- It helps make good citizens.
- It allows a little chance of revolution
- It promotes change

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ASSIGNMENT: -

Q1. "Democracy allows us to correct our mistakes". Justify the statement.

Q2. How does democracy promote equality?

Q3. "Democracy provides a method to deal with differences and conflicts". Comment on the statement.