

2. Institutional Representation of Democracy

Worksheet 1

(A) What do you understand by the following:

1. Photo Identity Card: _____

2. Election Manifesto: _____

3. Campaign: _____

4. Universal Adult Franchise: _____

5. Biparty System: _____

(B) Answer the following questions:

1. What is the difference between a national party and a regional party?

2. What are the advantages of a coalition government?

3. Why is it necessary for a voter to understand his role in democracy?

ANSWERS TO WORKSHEET I

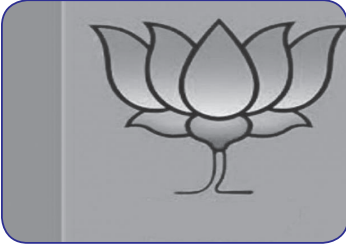


- A. 1. A Photo Identity Card is issued under the orders of the Election Commission to every adult citizen who has to produce it at the polling booth before he/she is allowed to vote.
2. The Election Manifesto is a party's or candidate's document declaring the party's or candidate's principles, ideals, promises and commitments on national and international issues.
3. A campaign is carried out by candidates and their parties to persuade voters to vote for them at public meetings held to explain their principles, ideals, and promises.
4. Universal Adult Franchise means all adults of age 18 and above can vote on the principle of one man, one vote through a process called election.
5. The biparty system is a two party system as in the USA, which has the Democratic and Republican parties. This makes it easy to vote and usually the party lasts the term.
- B. 1. A national party has its representatives and influence in several states, whereas a regional party has influence only in a state or a specific region.
2. A coalition government reflects public opinion better because it has representatives from different parties having different strategies. It tries to avoid the politics of confrontation and usually creates a consensus. Coalition governments save the country from going through elections all over again if a single party has no clear majority.
3. A voter must understand his/her role in democracy so that he/she chooses and elects an appropriate representative to the government, votes wisely and carries out his/her rights and duties correctly.

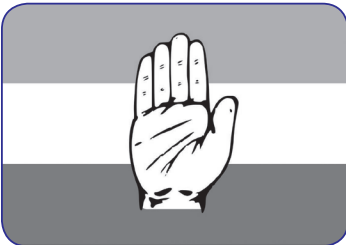
Worksheet 2

(A) Recognise the symbols below and write the names of the parties below each.

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4.



(B) Which party leads the NDA coalition? Which party led the UPA coalition? Give the full forms of NDA and UPA.

ANSWERS TO WORKSHEET 2



- A. 1. BJP 2. Congress (I) 3. Bahujan Samaj Party 4. Samajwadi Party
- B. NDA: National Democratic Alliance led by the Bharatiya Janata Party.
UPA: United Progressive Alliance led by the Indian National Congress.