

WORDS THAT MATTERS

***GOVERNMENT** -: The system of machinery present in each country in order to make decisions for the proper running of the government is called government.

***LAWS** -: The rules laid down by the government for the proper functioning of the country are called laws.

*** DEMOCRACY** -: A system of government in which the people (citizens) of the country choose their leaders to rule is called democracy. The elected government is answerable to its people for its decisions.

*** MONARCHY** -: A system of government which is run by a king /queen on a hereditary basis and where people do not get their say in decision -making is called a monarchy. The king/queen is said to be the monarch

***ELECTIONS** -: The process in which citizens of a democratic country cast their votes for the leaders of their choice is called election. The elected leaders form a government later.

*** REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRACY** -: A form of democracy in which people do not elect the government directly but only choose their representative, who collectively form a government is called representative democracy. Most democracies are representatives in nature.

***UNIVERSAL ADULT** -: The rule that allows all adults in the country, irrespective of caste, creed, gender, literacy, occupation, to vote and take part in the elections, is the universal adult franchise.

VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS.

Q1) At how many levels does the Government work?

A1) Government works at different levels These are

***National level** -: It is related to the entire country.

***State level** -: It covers an entire state like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh.

***Local level** -: It is related to the village administration, town or locality.

Q2) Who makes laws for the people?

A2) The government makes laws and regulations which every citizen is supposed to follow.

Q3) What do you mean by democratic government?

A3) The democratic government means a government by the people, of the people, and for the people.

Q4) What do you mean by universal Adult Franchise?

A4) Universal Adult Franchise means that all the adults in a country have the right to vote.

Q5) In the earliest period, who were not allowed to vote?

A5) In the earliest period, only a small number of rich people could cast their vote in the elections. The middle, poor classes and women were not allowed to vote.

Q2) SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS.

Q1) Why do you think the Government needs to make rules for everyone in the form of laws?

A1) The Government needs to make rules for everyone in the form of laws because of the following reasons.

- 1) To provide equality and justice to all.
- 2) To maintain peace.
- 3) To administer country efficiently.

Q2) Name the essential features of a democratic government?

A2) The two essential features of a democratic Government are:

- 1) Peoples participation in decision -making through their representatives.
- 2) Government is answerable to the people.

Q3) What was the suffrage movement? What did it accomplish?

A3) The movement for women's voting rights was called the suffrage movement. It accomplished the right to vote for women all over the world.

Q3) LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS.

Q1) What do you understand by the word "Government"? list five ways in which you think the Government affects your daily life

A1) The word government refers to a governing body that makes decisions and gets things done for the welfare of its citizen.

- 1) The government provides legal supports to its citizens against any discrimination and injustice.
- 2) It maintains peace and so keeps society in order.
- 3) It controls crime.
- 4) It assists people to lead proper life.
- 5) In the event of natural calamities, the government provides all emergency assistance to the effected people.

Q2) Can you believe that there was a time when governments did not allow women and the poor to participate in elections?

A2) (1) Initially the number of electorates were very limited and small. Only a small number of rich people could cast their vote in the elections, so the democratic government thus established was imperfect.

(2) The middle and poor classes fought against this injustice, after a long struggle the right to vote, which is called franchise or suffrage, was slowly and steadily extended to all.

(3) But still right to vote was not given to women. The struggle for this continued and ultimately the women also got the right to vote like men.

(4) This helped to remove flaw and helped to strengthened the roots of democracy.

(5) When the right to vote is given to every adult in a country, it is called Universal Adult Franchise.

