

NCERT Solutions Class 10 SST Political Science

Chapter 6 Political Parties

1. State the various functions political parties perform in a democracy

Answer. One of the foundations of democracy is the political party system.. The functions which are performed in a democracy are

- i. Political parties nominate candidates to run in elections. The party's top leaders or party members may choose these candidates.
- ii. Voters select among the various ideas and programmes that the parties have put forth.
- iii. The creation of legislation for a nation depends heavily on political parties. The legislature is typically where laws are discussed and adopted.
- iv. They are crucial in the decision-making process for passing laws and carrying them out.
- v. When these parties win elections, they establish and control the government.
- vi. In the event that they lose, these parties take on the role of the opposition parties and criticize the ruling party.

2. What are the various challenges faced by political parties?

Answer. Political parties face a variety of challenges as follows.

- Their biggest problem is a lack of internal democracy. The top leaders of a political party have the majority of the power. Internal disputes in the party are made more likely if the party's ministers hold the majority of the power.
- Funding-Funding of money is one of the major factors in the contesting Election, Election victory takes a lot of money, which parties need to win. Therefore, regardless of their other qualities, they

frequently nominate individuals who can raise a lot of money. The way the party apparatus functions can be influenced by rich donors to the party.

- Dynastic succession: Individuals from one family or close associates of the party's leaders hold the top positions. A worker at a lower level is rarely offered the chance to advance. This is problematic because it allows someone with little authority or support from the general public to occupy powerful positions.

3. Suggest some reforms to strengthen parties so that they perform their functions well?

Answer: Several changes to fortify parties include

1. The party should provide female candidates a third of the seats.
2. The parties shouldn't support candidates with a history of criminal activity.
3. To regulate the internal operations of political parties, legislation needs to be passed.
4. Elections should be funded by the state. The government needs to provide funds to parties to help with their election-related costs.

4. What is a political party?

Answer. A political party is a group that promotes candidates to compete in elections and win power in a certain nation. Parties may support particular ideologies or policy objectives, and it is typical for party members to share similar political viewpoints.

5. What are the characteristics of a political party?

Answer. The characteristics of a political party are

1. How a party responds to particular social challenges reveals its philosophy. Parties may promote specific ideologies or policy goals, and party members frequently hold the same political beliefs.

2. The political party with the most votes elects the government, so various political parties are in competition with one another for the same position.
3. They aim to implement laws that promote the wellbeing of society.
4. Political parties bind the public and the government together. While the government uses political parties to garner public support for its policies and programmes, they communicate the needs and concerns of the public to elected politicians.

6. A group of people who come together to contest elections and hold power in the government is called a _____.

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7. Match List-I (organizations and struggles) with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

List-I	List-II
1 Congress Party	A. National Democratic Alliance
2 Bharatiya Janata Party	B. State party
3 Communist Party of India (Marxist)	C. United Progressive Alliance
4 Telugu Desam Party	D. Left Front

	1	2	3	4
(a)	C	A	B	D
(b)	C	D	A	B
(c)	C	A	D	B

1. **A, B, and C**
2. **A and B**
3. **B and C**
4. **A and C**

Answer. (b) A and B



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