



Social Studies

Class 10th **(Political Science)**

Chapter 6: Political Parties



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Exercises

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

Ans: Following are the various roles of political parties in a democracy:

1. To contest elections.
2. Putting policies and programs before the public
3. To play a decisive role in law making.
4. Forming a government and running a government.
5. Act as an opposition party.
6. Creating public opinion.
7. To take welfare programs to the public.

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

Ans: Following are the challenges before the political parties-

1. lack of internal democracy
2. the challenge of dynasty
3. Infiltration of money and criminal elements
4. state of no choice
5. lack of transparency

Que 3. To make political parties do their work better, give some suggestions to strengthen them.

Ans: Following are the suggestions to do your work better-

1. Defection law should be toughened
2. People with criminal tendencies should be banned
3. Organizational elections are held from time to time in political parties.
4. Make the internal working of political parties transparent
5. There should be transparency in election expenditure.

Que 4. What is a political party?

Ans: A political party is an organized group of people who work for the purpose of contesting elections and gaining political power in the government. Keeping in mind the collective interest of the society, this group decides some policies and ideologies.

Que 5. What are the characteristics of a political party?

Ans:

1. Political parties make certain policies and programs keeping in mind the collective interests of the society.
2. Political parties have a collective ideology.
3. Political parties try to implement those policies after winning elections by getting the support of the people.
4. Political parties represent a part of the society, so its attitude is inclined towards that particular section of the society.
5. There are three main parts of a political party - the leader, the active member, the follower or the supporter.

Que 6. A group of people who have come together to contest elections and hold power in the government is called_____.

Ans: Political parties.

Que 7. Match the names of the first list (Organisation/Party) and the second list (Alliance/Morcha) and find the correct answer using the codes given below

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

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

Ans: (c). C A D B

Que 8. Who among the following is the founder of Bahujan Samaj Party?

- (a) Kashi Ram
- (b) Sahu Maharaj
- (c) B.R. Ambedkar
- (d) Jyotiba Phule

Ans (a) Kashi Ram.

Que 9. What is the main driving principle of the Bharatiya Janata Party?

- (a) Bahujan Samaj
- (b) Revolutionary Democracy
- (c) Cultural Nationalism
- (d) Modernity

Ans (c) Cultural nationalism.

Que 10. Consider the following statements about the parties

- (A) People do not have much faith in political parties.
 - (B) The echoes of scandals of big leaders are often heard in the parties.
 - (C) It is not necessary to have parties to run the government.
- Which of these statements is correct?**

- (a) a, b and c
- (b) a and b
- (c) b and c
- (d) a and c

Ans (b) a and b

Que 11. Read the following quote and answer the questions given below:

Mohammad Yunus is a famous economist from Bangladesh. He has received many international awards for his efforts for economic and social development of the poor. He and the Grameen Bank founded by him were jointly awarded the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize. In February 2007 he decided to form a political party and contest parliamentary elections. Their aim is to inculcate the right leadership, give good governance and build a new Bangladesh. They feel that a new political culture can arise only from a new political party different from the traditional ones. His party will be democratic from the bottom to the top.

The formation of this new party called Nagrik Shakti has created a stir in Bangladesh. Many people liked his decision and many did not like it. A government official, Shahedul Islam, said, "I think it is now possible to choose between good and bad in Bangladesh. Now a good government can be expected. This government will not only stay away from corruption but also corruption and corruption. Will also make eradication of black money its priority.

But there is doubt among the leaders of the old parties who have been in the politics of the country for decades. A prominent leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party says "what may be debated on winning the Nobel Prize, but politics is a completely different thing, very challenging and often controversial." The tone of some others was even stronger. They started questioning his entry into politics. A political observer said, the forces outside the country are imposing them on politics.

Do you think Yunus did the right thing by forming a new political party?

Do you agree with the statements and messages issued by different people? How should this party organize itself to do things differently? If you were one of the founders of this political party, what would you argue in favor of it?

Ans: I think Yunus did well by forming a new political party. Those desirous of public interest must come forward and do good works.

Those who do public welfare should never care about criticism. They should go on doing their work. Formed by Muhammad Yunus, this party will undoubtedly be based on the principles of fairness and public welfare. Honest people should be included in this party. Because only then it will be able to become an example and will be able to do different work from others.

If I were one of the founders of this political party, I would try to convince the general public that the party created by Muhammad Yunus is based on ideals and that it will definitely do their welfare.