

Electoral Politics

1. What do you mean by election? and why do we need election.

It is the mechanism by which people can choose their representatives at regular intervals and change them if they wish to do so. This mechanism is called election.

We need election for as the voters:-

- (i) can choose who will form the govt and will take major decisions.
- (ii) can choose who will make laws for them.
- (iii) They can choose the party whose policies will guide the govt and law making.

2- What makes an election democratic?

- (i) First, everyone should be able to choose. This means that everyone should have one vote and every vote should have equal value.
- (ii) Second there should be something to choose from. Parties and candidates should be free to contest elections and so should offer

some real choice to the voters.

(iii) Third, the choice should be offered at regular intervals. Elections must be held regularly after every few years.

(iv) Fourth, the candidate preferred by people get selected.

(v) Fifth, the elections should be conducted in a free and fair manner where people can choose as they really wish.