

1.° What are the major challenges which the political parties face in present era? Explain.

an ⇒ Lack of internal democracy: Power within political parties is concentrated in hands of one or few leaders at the top. They do not hold regular meetings. Members can't criticise top leaders' decision.

⇒ Dynastic succession: In many political parties, power is concentrated in the hands of only a particular family.

⇒ Role of money & muscle power: Parties give tickets to people who have money & muscle power.

⇒ No. meaningful choices: Often political parties don't give us meaningful choices. All major parties are generally corrupt & have similar policies.

28. Can't be any five errors made to reform political parties in India? Define the term defection?

Ans. Five errors to reform political parties:

- ① A law should be made to regulate the internal affairs of political parties.
- ② It should be made compulsory for political parties to maintain a register of its members.
- ③ It should be made mandatory for political parties to give a minimum number of tickets.
- ④ There should be state funding of election.
- ⑤ There should be a quota for women in decision-making bodies of the party.