

3. Mention the demerits of present electoral competition.

Ans → The demerits of present electoral competition are:

- It creates a sense of disunity and factionalism in every locality.
- Different political parties and leaders often level allegations against one another.
- Parties and candidates often use dirty tricks to win elections.
- The pressure to win electoral fights does not allow sensible long-term policies to be formulated.
- Some good people who may wish to serve the country do not enter this arena. They do not like the idea of being dragged into unhealthy competition.

4. What do you mean by electoral constituencies?

Ans → The country is divided into different areas for purposes of elections. These areas are called electoral constituencies.

5. How many Lok Sabha constituencies are there in Odisha?

Ans → 21