

1) The demerits of 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 don't like the idea of being dragged into unhealthy competition.

2) The country is divided into different areas for purpose of elections. These areas are called as constituencies.

3) There are 21 LOKSABHA constituencies in Odisha.