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CLASS- IX

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SCIENCE

Practice Assignment

1. The most common form that democracy takes in our time is that of

- (a) Limited democracy (b) Representative democracy
(c) Maximum democracy (d) none of the above

Ans: Representative democracy

2. Both the latitudinal and longitudinal extent of India's mainland is about 30 degree. But on looking at the map of India which of the following alternate do you observe about India's size?

- a) East- west extent appears to be smaller than north -South extent.
(b) East- west extent appears to be larger than South extent.
(c) East- west and north south extent appears equal.

Ans: (a) East- west extent appears to be smaller than north -South extent.

3. Which state in India has the highest number of international borders with other countries?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Assam
(c) Punjab (d) Himachal Pradesh

Ans. (a) Arunachal Pradesh

4. How have been mountain passes been helpful in India since historic times? Explain.

Ans. India is bounded by the young fold mountains in the northwest, north and northeast. The various passes across the mountains in the north have provided passages to the ancient travelers. The spices, muslin and other merchandise were taken from India to different countries through these passes. Mountain passes have contributed in the exchange of ideas and commodities since historic times.

5. What was the 'Legal Framework Order' passed by Pervez Musharraf in 1 August 2002?

Ans: In August 2002, Musharraf issued a 'Legal Framework Order' that amended the Constitution of Pakistan. According to this Order, the President can dismiss the national and provincial assemblies.

6. What is the most common form of democracy in the modern world? Why?

Ans: The most common form of democracy is representative democracy.

- Modern democracies involve such large number of people that it is physically impossible for them to sit together and take a collective decision.
- Even if they could, the citizen does not have the time, the desire or the skills to take part in all the decisions.

7. India has a long coastline which is advantageous. Explain.

Ans: No other country has a long coastline on the Indian Ocean as India has and indeed it has provided a significant boost to India's maritime trade. The Deccan Peninsula helps India to establish easy contact with West Asia, East Africa and Europe from Western coast also establishes contacts with South-East Asia, East Asia and Australia from Eastern coasts. 90 per cent of India's international trade is done through sea. India has developed many ports on its Western and Eastern coast which have become major centres for international business.

8. Democracy is better than other forms of government? Explain by giving arguments in the favour of democracy.

Ans: Democracy is better than other forms of government as:

- (i) Democracy improves the quality of decision making because it is based on consultation and discussion.
- (ii) Democracy provides a method to deal with differences and conflicts. In any society people are bound to have differences of opinions and interests. This conflict can be solved peacefully in a democratic set-up.
- (iii) Democracy enhances the dignity of citizens. Democracy is based on the principle of political equality. Everyone has equal right to vote without any discrimination