

# **St. Andrews Scots Sr. Sec. School**

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**Class: VII Subject: English Topic: What is Democracy?**

## **Read To Understand:**

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- a) A direct democracy is where people directly vote on every decision.
- b) A representative democracy is where people elect representatives who then make decisions on their behalf.
- c) The efficiency of each form of democracy depends on various factors and opinions may vary. Direct democracy allows for more direct participation but may be impractical for larger populations and complex decisions. Representative democracy can be more efficient in large populations as representatives can focus on decision-making, but there's a risk of disconnect between representatives and the public.

## **C) Answer The Following Questions:**

Ans1) Representative democracy is more practical for larger countries because it allows for efficient decision-making through elected representatives, whereas direct democracy could be cumbersome and impractical due to sheer size and complexity of issues in large populations.

Ans2) An example of direct democracy is Switzerland.

Ans3) The countries mentioned as examples of representative democracy are India and The United States.

Ans4) Democracy ensures fair decision-making for the common people by providing opportunities for participation through elections, where citizens can vote for representatives who will make decisions on their behalf. At different levels of democratic government, there are functionaries who take day-to-day decisions. These decisions are made with the best interest of the citizens in mind, ensuring that their voices are heard and their needs are met. In this way, democracy promotes transparency and accountability in governance.