

Notes

OUTCOME OF DEMOCRACY

Important Terms and Concept

1. **Outcome:** Results, consequences or output.
2. **Characteristics of Democracy:** Promotes equality, Enhances the dignity of the individual, improves the quality of decision making, provides methods to resolve conflicts, accommodates correct mistakes.
3. **Alternative Forms of Government than Democracy:** Monarchy, military rule, by religious leaders.
4. **Elements/Constituents of Democracy:** Formal constitution, elections, political parties, constitutional rights.
5. **Monarchy:** The government ruled by the monarch or king of the country i.e., monarch or king is the head of the country who is hereditary.
6. **Dignity:** The word denotes privileged position, honorable rank or importance given to any particular post or personality.
7. **Outcome of Democracy:** Political equality and political justice, social equality and social justice, economic equality and economic justice, dignity to the individual.
8. **Measures for Democratic Outcome:** Regular free and fair elections, open public debate on major policies, right to information given to the people.
9. **Economic Development:** It refers to the growth or advancement of the country in the way of providing better facilities and services to the individual.
10. **Transparency:** Right or means to examine the process of decision making.

- 11. Accountable:** Responsible, answerable, legitimate to the individual/posts and their needs and expectations.
- 12. Poverty:** It is a socio-economic phenomenon which in general terms is the denial of opportunities to lead a long, healthy, creative life and to enjoy a decent standard of living.
- 13. Inequality:** Absence of equal opportunities, equal treatment and equal status at any level, social, economic or political is known as inequality.
- 14. Measures to Sustain Democracy:**
- ⇒ Unity in diversity
 - ⇒ Historical background of the country
 - ⇒ Tolerance power among people
 - ⇒ Feeling of nationalism and patriotism
 - ⇒ Peaceful co-existence
 - ⇒ Non-alignment
 - ⇒ International peace and understanding
- 15. Civil Liberties:** These are privileges or rights thought to be valuable in themselves and important for the functioning of democratic society.