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NOTE MAKING

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The scope of democracy needs to be widened and deepened for people to have a real voice to influence decisions that shape their lives, and the power to hold decision-makers accountable, not only through elections but in the periods between elections. While formal institutions of democracy have become a universal norm, it is important to develop and sustain the core values of inclusiveness, participation and accountability, before institutions can be seen as truly democratic.

It has been seen that a lasting solution for eradicating poverty and shaping human progress can be found much through politics as through economics. Politics matters in a large way; because it is through this mechanism that the rights of the citizen in any country are determined it decides whether the people should be allowed to participate in the decision making process that impacts their lives.

In the last two decades, the politics has witnessed a sea change. There are innumerable instances across the world, of the opening up of political systems and increased rights and power to the people. The world can be labeled as much more democratic, but there are several underlying problems to be dealt with. According to a UN report, 140 countries hold multi-party elections, out of which only 81 have taken significant steps towards democracy, out of the nearly 200 countries, people still do not enjoy their rights in the rest and their freedom is also curbed.

The democratic system of voting in the elections had added crucial element of governance from the human development stand point, because elections symbolize enforceable accountability. When a government fails to live up to the needs and desires of the people, they can simply vote it out of the office the next time. There can be no stricter form of accountability, no more egalitarian form of participation. The right to vote itself has given every individual a choice.

However, it would be a grim mistake if one equated democracy with regular ritual of elections. A vibrant democracy requires functioning institutions- for instance a legislature that does not do a specific individual's bidding; a judiciary that is independent and understands the importance of equal treatment of all through the eyes of the law; a free, independent and unbiased media and security forces that carry out their duties without specific political allegiances. It also requires an active and alert civil society that can ensure that the government works in the general public interest, and also keeps giving its inputs wherever required. An independent judiciary provides the necessary checks and balances between the democratic institutions of governance. The UN report emphasizes accountability at national and international level Accountability is central to democratic governance. It ensures the holders of public trust are acting effectively and fairly. In the presence of a free press and an active civil society, people have several ways of participating in the policy decisions and debates.

Questions:

- a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points only using headings and sub-headings. Use abbreviations (minimum 4) wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title to it.

- b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words.

2. Read the following instructions for conducting an experiment and complete the paragraph that follows.

-Take two hard rubber rods, flannel and a silk rod.

- Rub a rod with flannel and suspend it with a silk thread
- Take the other rod and rub it with flannel
- Bring the second rod near the suspended one
- It will repel the first rod

Two hard rubber rods, flannel and a silk thread are taken. A rod _____ with flannel. It _____ with a silk thread. The other rod _____ and _____ with flannel. The second rod _____ near the suspended one. The first rod _____ by it.

3. Change the following sentences into reported speech:

1. Yuri said to me, "Why are you wasting your time?"
2. Father said to children, "Have you prepared well for the test?"
3. Mother said to me, "I was waiting for you for a long time."
4. Jaya said to the watchman, "Did you find the key anywhere?"
5. "What a horrible sight!" We all exclaimed.
6. She said, "Oh! It's a snake. Don't go near it, children."

4. Change the voice:

1. One finds mosquitoes everywhere.
2. A helper was given to us.
3. The doctor looked after the patients.
4. She brought me a cup of coffee.
5. The trees were blown down by the wind.

5. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences.

1. large quantities/ of warm water/ from the body/drinking/thus removing poisons/results in sweating
2. from the body/fasting also/removes poisons