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**QUESTION**

**What is Democracy? Explain any Four (4) features of democracy.**

**ANSWER**

**Democracy**

The term 'Democracy' is drawn from two Greek words 'demos' meaning people and 'cratia' meaning power. Thus, literally democracy means the 'power of the people'. One of the most famous definition of democracy is of Abraham Lincoln who says, "Democracy is Government of the people, by the people and for the people."

**Features of democracy**

The features of democracy are:

- (1) Elected representatives of the people rule and these representatives have power of making final decisions;
- (2) Elections are conducted in free and fair atmosphere;
- (3) Adult franchise is provided and every vote has equal value;
- (4) Fundamental Rights and freedom of the people are protected.