

TOPIC: GOVERNMENT

Terms and Definitions

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1.	Government	A group of officials elected by the people to conduct the affairs of a country
2.	Political party	A group of people who share the same political ideas, views, beliefs that come together to contest elections and hold power in the government
3.	Constituency	The body of voters or the residents of a district who elect a representative
4.	Candidate	Someone running for political office
5.	Electorate	All the persons in a country or area who is eligible to vote in an election
6.	Voter's list	Is a listing of all those registered to vote in a particular constituency/area
7.	Floating voter	A person who has not decided which way to vote in an election OR one who does not consistently vote for the same political party
8.	Representative	A person who represents a constituency or community in a legislative body
9.	Adult suffrage	All adults have the right to vote in a political election
10.	Franchise	A privilege or right granted by law, especially the right to vote in the election of public officials
11.	Manifesto	A public declaration of policies, goals and opinions of a political party
12.	Ballot	A ticket or piece of paper used to vote in an election, method of secret voting
13.	Hung Parliament	A parliament in which no political party has enough seats to secure an overall majority
14.	Government of national unity	A government formed by a number of political parties
15.	Coalition government	A government containing members of two or more political parties (no party on its own can achieve a majority in the parliament)
16.	Constitution	The set of principles and laws by which the people of a country have agreed to be governed. It is the supreme law of the country
17.	Democracy	A form of government in which a substantial proportion of the citizens participate in governing the country