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Name of the Paper: Theory and Practice of Democracy

Question Bank

1. Define Democracy. Discuss its key features and different models - direct, representative, and deliberative democracy.
2. Examine the liberal democratic theory. How does it reconcile individual liberty with majority rule?
3. Critically analyze the Marxist critique of parliamentary democracy as an instrument of class rule.
4. What are the main challenges to democracy in contemporary world? Discuss with reference to populism and illiberal democracy.
5. Explain the concept of 'deliberative democracy'. How does it address the limitations of aggregative models?
6. Discuss the relationship between democracy and development. Is there a trade-off between the two?
7. Analyze the role of civil society in strengthening democratic practices. Provide examples from India.
8. "Democracy is government of the people, by the people, for the people." Critically examine this statement in theory and practice.