

# CLASS NOTES

Class: VIII

Topic: The Indian Constitution

Subject:

Social and Political Life -III

## 1) Why does a democratic country need a Constitution?

Ans. A democratic country needs a Constitution for the following reasons:

- A constitution serves as the set of rules using which the government runs.
- It also defines the nature of the political system.
- It provides the guidelines for the government of a country.
- The ideals of the society in the country are provided
- It lays down the ideals that form the basis of the kind of country that its citizens aspire to live in.
- It protects the rights of lesser privileged citizens in the state.
- It also checks the power abuse by the political rulers.

2) Look at the wordings of the two documents given below. The first column is from the 1990 Nepal Constitution. The second column is from the more recent interim Constitution of Nepal.

Ans.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1990 Constitution of Nepal Part 7 :Executive</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2007 Interim Constitution Part 5 Executive :</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Article 35 : Executive power :The executive power of Nepal shall be exercised by His Majesty .</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Article 37 : Executive power : the executive power shall pursuant to this constitution and other laws, be vested in the council of ministers.The executive functions of Nepal shall be taken in the name of the Prime minister.</li></ul>

**What is the difference in who exercises 'Executive Power' in the above two Constitutions of Nepal? Keeping this in mind, why do you think Nepal needs a new Constitution today?**

**Ans:** The difference between who exercises the executive power is that earlier the power was vested in the hands of the King of Nepal whereas now the power is vested in the hands of the Council of Ministers of Nepal, headed by the Prime Minister of Nepal.

Since Nepal is no longer a monarchy, it needs a new constitution which reflects the democratic ideals of the Nepalese society as the people had sought a revolution for the same.



