

# Democracy

1. a. Democracy is \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. What do you think 'representative democracy' means? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

2. Fill in the missing words from the list below to find out more about ancient Greek democracy.

Law  
Democracy  
Greece

Power  
Vote  
Frequent

Decisions  
Directly

\_\_\_\_\_ began in ancient \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ was  
exercised \_\_\_\_\_ by the people through \_\_\_\_\_ meetings. Citizens  
could \_\_\_\_\_ on issues raised and decide on policies. The \_\_\_\_\_  
made became \_\_\_\_\_.

# Parliament

3. a. The Upper House is called the \_\_\_\_\_ and has \_\_\_\_\_ members.
- b. The Lower House is called the \_\_\_\_\_ and has \_\_\_\_\_ members.
- c. Which member represents your area in the Lower House? \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Which political party or group do they belong to? \_\_\_\_\_.
4. a. After an election the party or coalition of parties, with a majority of members in the House of  
Assembly forms the government. Which party currently holds government? \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The leader of State government is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Who currently holds this position? \_\_\_\_\_.

## Rights & Responsibilities

5. Some of our democratic rights are set out below. Match the rights with the correct explanation.



Freedom of Association	You have the right to demonstrate in public as long as you don't threaten life or property.
Freedom of Speech	You have the right to move freely from state to state and within states.
Freedom of Assembly	You have the right to discuss the political system.
Freedom of Movement	You have the right to participate in our democracy.
The Right to Vote	You have the right to belong to or from a political party.

6. Name two responsibilities associated with 'active citizenship'. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Enrolling to Vote

7. You can enrol to vote if: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. You are required to fill out a new enrolment form if you:

- |                       |     |    |
|-----------------------|-----|----|
| • Have a birthday     | YES | NO |
| • Change your name    | YES | NO |
| • Change your address | YES | NO |

9. By enrolling to vote you can participate in electing representatives to the three levels of government. Name three areas of responsibility at each level each.

FEDERAL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Voting & Elections

10. General elections for State parliament occur every: (✓ the correct answer)

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 years \_\_\_\_\_ 4 years \_\_\_\_\_ 5 years

11. The Writs for a general election are issued by the \_\_\_\_\_ on advice from the government.

The Writs specify the dates and time for:

- Close of the \_\_\_\_\_
- Close of candidate \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of the \_\_\_\_\_
- Return of the \_\_\_\_\_

12. a. How many members do we elect to the Legislative Council at each general election? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What is the method of counting votes for the Legislative Council called?

\_\_\_\_\_

13. The method of voting for House of Assembly elections is called 'Preferential', what does this mean? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

14. When was compulsory voting for both houses of parliament introduced for South Australian elections? \_\_\_\_\_

## Redistributions

15. a. True or False – circle the correct response.

- Electoral districts should all be a similar size. TRUE FALSE
- Electoral districts should have a similar number of electors. TRUE FALSE

b. What is a redistribution and why are they necessary? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. How often are State electoral boundaries reviewed? \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Parliament cannot change or refuse to accept the final redistribution of electoral boundaries decision made by the Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission. TRUE FALSE

16. What year did the following events take place.

a. Adelaide Council was the first fully elected council in Australia in \_\_\_\_\_

b. The secret ballot was introduced in South Australia in \_\_\_\_\_

c. South Australia was the first State to give women the right to enrol, vote and stand as candidates for parliament in \_\_\_\_\_

d. The franchise was extended to give 18-year-olds the right to vote in South Australia in \_\_\_\_\_

e. The Centenary of Federation was in \_\_\_\_\_