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Name :- Importance of a Democratic Governance

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Factors required for the success of democratic governance

- ✓ Free and fair elections.
- ✓ Existence of supremacy of law.
- ✓ Sovereignty of judiciary.
- ✓ Existence of people with political intelligence.
- ✓ Existence of a great leadership.
- ✓ Having a sound economic standards.
- ✓ Availability of free and unbiased media.
- ✓ Competitive party system.

Responsibilities of a citizen in a democratic governance

- ❖ In a democratic society, the citizens can enjoy a series of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.
- ❖ There are lot of duties which are bound with rights.
- ❖ Duties can be mainly divided into two types.

01. Legal duties

02. Moral duties

- ❖ Payment of taxes, obedience to the existing law, safeguarding the constitution, protecting law and order can be taken under legal duties.
- ❖ Respecting elders, following the social customs, obedience to the parents, respecting teachers can be included in moral duties.
- ❖ Basic duties are included in the 28th sentence of IV th chapter in the second constitution of 1978 in Sri Lanka.

Responsibilities of the government towards people

- Protection of law and order
- Safeguarding the principle of equality
- Confirming the constitution
- Protecting the fairness of law
- Ensuring the distribution of the national wealth
- Ensuring transparency in financial control
- Providing social welfare
- Protecting the environment

Importance of a democratic governance

- Enjoyment of equal rights
- Opportunity to develop personal abilities and skills
- Opportunity for the citizens to take part in the government
- Priority to human development
- Foundation for the development of a peaceful society
- Social welfare