

Exercise 12:

Passage: The conditions under which democracy can flourish are difficult to define; but one thing is clear that democracy is always a slow growth, whereas dictators may rise to power and inaugurate a new regime with dramatic suddenness and success, under suitable conditions. One great new force has appeared in the world since the Great War, the art of modern propaganda. It is invaluable to the dictator who can inculcate his creed day by day through the press, the cinema, the radio, the whole body of the people and can suppress all counter propaganda. It is a terrible danger to democracy, since it tends to destroy the sound and commonsense judgement of the people which depends on constant access to facts and on honest public discussion based on those facts. Then again the kindly and cooperative outlook which alone can make democracy a success depends on material conditions, on the economic security and welfare of the whole of the people; a starving man or a man in constant fear of unemployment cannot be expected to be a good citizen of democracy. And lastly, war is utterly hostile to democracy. The horrors and passion of war inevitably produce a war mentality under which the method of democracy becomes impossible.

Précis

Precis

Democracy has a difficult and slow growth while dictatorship has an easy and fast rising power. Dictators use the media to spread their propaganda. The propaganda influences the thinking and opinions of common man, which is a threat to democracy. The rise of democracy depends on the response of common man and his response is defined by his financial conditions. And lastly, the war mindset, which remains a danger to ^{the} democracy.

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- Democracy vs Dictatorship
- Rise and Fall of Democracy

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