DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN: ILLS AND REMEDIES:

Thesis Statement:

Democracy in Pakistan is ~~faced with~~ many *(facing)* challenges. However, certain measures may be adopted to remedy the same.

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1. Introduction.

2. What challenges are confronted by Democracy in Pakistan?

   2.1) The prolonged period of political instability has undermined the growth of democracy in the country.

   2.2) The entrenched roots of corruption and lack of transparency have eroded the public trust in democratic institutions.

   2.3) Electoral malpractices have compromised the legitimacy of democratic processes in the country.

   2.4) The weak rule of law and the lack of independence ~~of~~ in state institutions have disrupted democratic governance in Pakistan.

2.5) The lack of political awareness has undermined public participation in democracy.

2.6) The ethnic and sectarian conflicts have fragmented the political landscape by weakening national unity and democratic cohesion.

2.7) The widespread economic disparities have hindered many citizens from fully engaging in the democratic processes.

3. **What are the measures that can be taken to address the challenges associated with democracy in Pakistan?**

3.1) Strengthening the political institutions may foster political stability thereby promoting the growth of democracy in Pakistan.

3.2) Curbing corruption and ensuring transparency can restore public confidence in democracy.

3.3) Electoral reforms can *(must)* be introduced to address the issues pertaining to electoral malpractices thereby ensuring fair elections.

3.4) Promoting independence of state institution and strengthening the rule of law is requisite to ensure a democratic governance in the country.

3.5) Promoting political education and awareness of democratic governance will lead to a robust democratic system.

3.6) Promoting inclusivity and addressing ethnic and sectarian conflicts will ensure political stability and national unity.

3.7) Fostering economic reforms is essential for enhancing political involvement by uplifting the interests of marginalized communities.

4. Conclusion

A democratic system is the most famous form of governance in the contemporary world As envisaged by the founding fathers of the nation, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Pakistan has constitutionally adopted democracy as its form of government. However, Pakistan faces numerous challenges on its path t establishing a robust democracy. One of the most significant obstacles faced by democracy in the country is has been its prolonged period of

political instability. In addition to this, the entrenched roots of corruption and lack of transparency have ~~severely~~ hindered the prospects for advancement of democracy in the country. Furthermore, electoral malpractices including rigged elections followed by widespread protests ~~of~~ have compromised the legitimacy of democratic processes. In addition to this, the country is afflicted with weak rule of law, and lacks the independence of state institutions. Much of the country's populace suffers with lack of political awareness which has greatly impeded the citizen participation in democracy. Moreover, the widespread ethnic and sectarian conflicts have fragmented the political landscape of country by weakening the national unity and compromising the democratic cohesions. To add to it, the widespread economic disparities in the country have also impeded development of democratic governance. Despite these foregoing challenges, certain measures ~~may~~ **must** be taken to improve the prospects of democracy in the country. One of the most plausible measures which may be taken is strengthening the political institutions of the country. ~~So~~ Secondly, eradicating corruption and ensuring transparency of institutions may reinstate public confidence in democracy. Further measures include instituting electoral reforms to eliminate electoral malpractices and curb corruption. Furthermore, ~~poti~~ promoting

political education, addressing sectarian conflicts and fostering economic reforms are requisite to augment the prospects of true democracy in the country. Thus, it can be safely asserted that democracy in Pakistan is ~~faced with~~ facing numerous challenges which need to be addressed.