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Critically evaluate Aristotle classification of state and government

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        (iii) cannot explain presidential and parliamentary form of government

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(1) Introduction

Aristotal classification of state and government is the first systematic but not sciencetific classification. it is different from J.A.R marriot and dr. leackok classification because their classification ase more Comprehensive in nature.

Aristotle Classify state and government on the basis of number of people and how they excercise the supreme power of the state it was criticize by many philosopher such as Dr. leackock, seely and farners.

Aristotle didnot give comprehensive overview on state, such as to explain difference between Despotism and monarchy, democracy and Constitutional democracy, presidential and parliamentary, and federal and unitary form of government

Moreover, Aristotle Classification is suitable for Greek City-states not for modern States.

(2) Explaination:

The Aristolian Classification is based on two principles. The one form change into another when king use/excercised for self interest. So people starts uprising and topple the government and then establish new form of government which are given in detail.

(a) Principles of classification

⇒ The number of peoples excercising supreme power in the state

⇒ The Supreme leaders or king excercise power for the welfare of state or for self interest.

(b) Forms of government (Aristolion) Classification Graph is given below

Monarchy
When a single
person excercise
Supreme power
for the welfare of
State and individual

Tyranny
When a king
excercise Supreme
power to protect
his own interest

Aristocracy
When few person
excercise supreme
for the welfare of
State and individual

Oligarchy
The perverted
form of
Aristocracy

Polity
When many people
excercise supreme
power for the welfare
of state and individual

Democracy
The perverted
form of
Polity

③ <u>**DEFECTS**</u>

(a) Confuses State with Government
Aristotian classification Confuses
The Concept of State with
Government. it Cannot defferenciate
between State and Government

(b) Not valid/suitable for modern State
It is only for Greek City-state

not valid for modern state because the domains and objectives of modern state are different from Greek City states.

(E) **Dr leacock and Seely opinions on Aristotle classification.**

Dr. leacock and Seely criticize Aristolian classification in terms of modern forms of government such as, monarchy, constitutional monarchy, Democracy and unitary and Federal form of government

(a) fails in differenciating between monarchy and Constitutional monarchy Aristolian classification of state and government fails to explain Constitutional monarchy and monarchy.

(b) fails to explain Constitutional monarchy and democracy Aristolian classification cannot explain Constitution and democracy. difference. E.g UK has Constitutional monarchy but called a democracy.

(c) fails to explain Parliamentary

and presidential form of government
The classification cannot give idea
or explain the concept of
parliamentary and presidential
form of government.

(d) Cannot explain Unitary and federal form of gov
it cannot explain the unitary and
federal form of government.

(4) Conclusion

in a nutshell, Aristolian classification
is valid for and old Greak
City state but not suitable for
modern states. Becaus the
interest and obrectives,
problems and solution are
Quite different from old states.
its also merely to explain the
Constitution of state.