



# Citizen Empowerment Course

## Module 1 | Assessment Exercise



**Read each statement carefully and mark the correct answer choosing True or False.**

1. In democratic states, the majority hold absolute power and can take any decision they wish.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** Democratic states have structures and procedures in place that provide 'checks' on the government and the majority's decisions to ensure the protection of the rights of all citizens and the integrity of the democracy.

2. The media being free to investigate and report on the actions and work of the government is a key pillar of a democratic state.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Freedom of the media is crucial because it monitors the government's actions and decisions and helps to keep citizens informed about current affairs.

3. In democracies, the head of state can introduce legislation on their own.

**Answer:** False

**Explanation:** Democracies have a set of rules and institutions that ensure no single person or body possesses absolute power and acts potentially against the interests of the people.

4. Which system do modern democracies operate on?

**Answer:** Representative

**Explanation:** Modern democracies are predominantly representative, with citizens having the right to elect individuals to positions of power, entrusting them with day-to-day decision-making on their behalf.

5. Citizens in democracies have the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and to freedom of association at all levels; in particular in political, trade union and civic matters.

**Answer:** True

**Explanation:** Freedom of assembly and association are fundamental to ensure that people can gather and meet publicly and privately to express their opinions or grievances and support causes that are important to them.



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