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REVIEW ON CHAPTER 8: CITIZENS ROLES IN DEMOCRACY.

Democracy is a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives. For democracy to deliver, citizens must become informed about issues that can improve their lives. Citizens must be free to come together to express their views and preferences, they must work together to see that government to see that government responds to citizens views and opinions. Democracy is a form of government in which the people have the authority to choose their governing legislators. In democracy people have a say in how the government is run. They do this by voting, though there are usually different rules about who can vote and who can't. Citizens must understand ideas about citizenship, politics and government.

A citizen or citizenship is a certain type of relationship between the people and government. Citizens have a set of rights and responsibilities. Citizenship of a state maybe acquired by birth or naturalization. Citizenship determined by place of birth is fundamental in the laws of most countries. According to the Federal Republic of Nigeria every person born in Nigeria after the date of independence, either of whose parents or any of whose grandparents is a citizen of Nigeria.

Educative Citizenship refers to a process that develops a moral, practical and intellectual sense of self in individuals when they practice their citizenship.

Citizenship does not have just one definition it means different things to different people. Citizenship is about being

willing to contribute to the social action as well as contributing to political debate.

An individual's rights and liberties are the groundwork of the state since it exists to enable people to live and develop fully. It is the rights belonging to an individual by virtue of citizenship especially the fundamental freedoms and privileges. There are features deduced from the various definitions of democracy since there isn't a specific definition of democracy. The fundamental rights of the citizens is guaranteed, existence of rule of law, freedom of press, periodic election that is free and fair, independent and impartial judiciary, citizens are expected to perform certain responsibilities, a citizen must vote when of age, a good citizen has to obey the law, a good citizen should be willing to pay taxes, a citizen should refrain from uttering destructive criticisms. Citizens should participate in every event in democracy with full enthusiasm to ensure survival of democracy.