CLOZE TEXT: DEMOCRACY

Democracy is the political system that gives political power to the people. It comes from the Greek words “\_\_\_\_\_\_” (people) and “\_\_\_\_\_\_” (power).

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ democracy is a system where citizens take political decisions by voting directly on all important matters. This system is possible in societies with a minimum number of citizens.

It took place in the Ancient Greece, in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Athens, during the 5th century B.C. It was known as “Pericles' democracy”.

The most popular city-states were Athens, Sparta, Macedonia, Olympia and Delphi.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ democracy is necessary in complex societies. It is also known as indirect democracy and it consists of citizens electing or voting their representatives who take political decisions for them.

It is based on two principles:

* The division of powers into *legislative* power, *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* power and *judicial* power. It is essential to avoid the possibility of a person (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_), or a group of people having absolute power. The last one is the case of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the city-state is ruled by the wealthy) or an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (power held by a few people).
* Political \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: many different political parties.

There are some fundamental rights that must be preserved in a representative democracy. Citizens can run for public \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, elect their representatives, speak on matters concerning politics and religion, join a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ union and go on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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