19.9 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS EXERCISES

Check Your Progress Exercise 1

1) They shared common socio-economic background, i.e., educated, urban, upper middle class belonging to the middle and upper classes.
2) Existence of the congress as a dominant party along with a large number of parties.
3) They were not able to provide alternative to Congress. Rather they were more parties of pressure.
4) It drew support from different state of the society
5) It occupied the central position in the party system of India.

Check Your Progress Exercise 2

1) Political mobilisation of the masses.
2) New groups established their own parties.
3) The Janta Dal, the Samajwadi party and the BSP.

Check Your Progress Exercise 3

1) Decline of the Congress and emergency of the competitive politics.
2) Decline of the consensual model of Indian politics.
3) United the non-congress parties, and further eroded the organisaton of Congress.

Check Your Progress Exercise 4

1) Polarisation of the party alliances between two major parties — The BJP and the Congress.
2) It is more reflective of the heterogeneity in the society.
3) Due to the active presence in the national politics
4) The regional and federal issues have become an important part of the political agenda.

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