

**SUBJECT: GOVIC**

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## **ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

Electoral Commission is a body responsible for organizing and conducting elections in a State. It can also be seen as an independent and impartial body responsible for conducting and organizing all elections in a given country. It has a chairman as the head and other members of the commission. For instance, the Independent National Electoral Commission is the electoral body responsible in conducting all election processes in Nigeria

## **FEATURES OF AN ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

1. Organizing and conducting election: it is a body responsible for organizing and conducting all elections in a political system.
2. The commission is responsible for the conduct of free fair election in a country.
3. It has the sole power of announcing election results.
4. It is an independent and impartial electoral body.
5. It is a neutral body and should be non- partisan in its outlook.
6. It is guided by the constitution.
7. The commission should be honest and just in its decision making especially with the conduct of the elections

## **FUNCTIONS OF ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

1. Registration of parties: It registers political parties according to laid down rules and regulations.
2. The electoral commission has the sole power to organize and conduct free and fair elections in a country.

3. Registration of voters: Eligible voters are registered by the commission.
4. Provision of electoral materials example; ballot boxes, ballot papers, polling booths etc.
5. It divides the country into constituencies or electoral districts.
6. The commission is responsible for the counting of votes, and releasing the result of each election conducted.
7. The commission educates the electorate about the necessary issues involved in elections.
8. Adequate security is provided at the Polling stations by commission.
9. The commission gives financial grants to political parties.
10. It does the appointment and training of electoral officer like the presiding officers, clerks and adhoc polling unit officers.

### **ASSIGNMENT**

1. How many Political Party do we currently in Nigeria?
2. How many Political Ward do we have in Nigeria?