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LESSON NOTES WEEK 7

SCHOOL: BA SANGAM COLLEGE

YEAR: 10

Name: _____

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SCIENCE

Strand	TIME, CONTINUITY AND CHANGE
Sub Strand	Post-Independence
Content Learning Outcome	Evaluate the significance of “Independence” in Fiji’s History and describe its role in Fiji’s political development for upholding democracy.

LESSON NOTES

Electoral system used from Independence to the Present.

First Past the Post-The candidate who received the highest number of votes is declared the winner.

Alternative Vote System- This system, allows the votes to be transferred from a low-polling candidate to other candidates, according to an order prescribed by the candidate.

Proportional Representation System

- In this system, voters may be given choice of the number of a candidate they may vote for deeding the type of system used.

Political Conditions

-Post-independence politics came to be dominated by Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara and the Alliance Party.

Coups :

1987- In April 1987, Dr. Bavadra was forcibly removed from power during a military coup led by Sitiveni Rabuka on 14 May 1987. Rabuka staged a second coup on 25 September 1987.

2000- Chaudhry's government was removed by ethnic Fijian nationalist George Speight, on 19 May 2000.

2006- the military leader Commodore Frank Bainimarama asked Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase to resign in mid-October, 2006.

Effects of coups:-

- Decline in the investment
- decline in trade and poor link with foreign nations.
- increase in crime
- Leads to brain drain
- loss of jobs, less tourist arrivals due to insecurity in Fiji,
- mental stress and fear among community,

ACTIVITY

1. Use the photographs below and your knowledge to answer the questions that follow.



(a) Name the prominent political figure shown in the photograph given above. _____ (1 mark)

(b) Describe one way in which he contributed to the political development of Fiji.

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2. Who was Fiji's first Prime Minister after Independence? _____ (1 mark)

3. Who was responsible for bringing modernization while leading Fiji? _____ (1 mark)

4. Name the type of Electoral system used in Fiji today? _____ (1 mark)

5. State two economic effects of Political Coups.

_____ (2 marks)

6. State two social effects of Political Coups.

_____ (2 marks)

7. Describe how you can practice two of your constitutional rights.

_____ (2 marks)

8. In a paragraph, discuss three changes that took place in Fiji after Independence. Discuss two ways in which these changes benefited the multiracial country of Fiji.

_____ (5 marks)