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Q. The President of People's Republic of China.

Ans. In the Chinese Constitution of 1982, there is a provision for the office of the President who is elected by the National People's Congress. According to Article 79, the tenure of the President is equal to that of the National People's Congress, i.e. 5 years. He can remain in the office for a maximum of two tenure.

Qualifications:-- The candidate for the post of the President must be :

- i. A citizen of China who is a qualified voter,
- ii. Not disqualified from contesting election
- iii. Not less than 45 years of age.

If the office of the President falls vacant, the vice President acts as President for remaining tenure.

Powers and functions of the President:- The President's office is ornamental. Performs only ceremonial functions as given b in accordance with the decisions of the NPC or its Standing Committee.

1. He suggests a person to the NPC for the office of the Prime Minister. After the approval of the NPC, the Premier is formally appointed by the President.
2. The Deputy Prime Minister, State Councillors, the members of the Commissions, Ministers of the Ministries, Auditor General and Secretary General of the State Council are appointed by the President in accordance with the decisions of the NPC or its Standing Committee.
3. All persons so appointed by the President are removable by him on the recommendation of the NPC or its Standing Committee.
4. In pursuance of the decisions of the NPC or its Standing Committee the President confers state medals, titles of honours, use power of pardon, announce martial law and state of war etc.
5. He receives ambassadors and foreign diplomatic representatives on behalf of the People's Republic of China.
6. He also appoints and recalls Chinese ambassadors and foreign diplomatic representatives in accordance with the decisions of the NPC or its Standing Committee.
7. He ratifies the treaties concluded by the Government with foreign countries. He can also abrogate treaties and other important agreements with foreign countries.

A critical analysis of the functions of the President reveals that he is only a glamorous head of the State He does not take any decision on his own.