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Context: Cyril Ramaphosa's victory in recent South African election should be utilized by the leader to rid South African democracy of issues that has caused damage to it in recent times. Example: corruption, rent-seeking

#### Highlights

1. Background to Cyril Ramaphosa election: His predecessor Jacob Zuma stepped down due to charges of corruption, particularly among the political elite who indulged in "state capture" — rent-seeking built on the marketisation of the South African state.
2. Such undesirable values has led to decline in popularity of African National Congress (ANC)
3. What needs to be done?
  - The newly elected president should trim the Cabinet and oust those associated with illicit dealings.
  - Unemployment is high in South African society, this issues needs to be addressed.
  - 'Public patronage' for only few which was carried out by Mr Zuma should also be discontinued.
  - Leaks in public finances was one of the highlight in the previous government this needs to be rectified

Takeaway point: Cyril Ramaphosa must work tirelessly to reform governance and to increase the economic growth so that South Africa once again gets on the path of true progress

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