

CLASS NOTES

Class: VII

**Topic: On Equality
Questions & Answers**

Subject: Social and Political Life - II

NCERT SOLUTION

Answer the following questions:[To be written in copy]

Q1. In a democracy why is Universal Adult Franchise important ?

Ans1. In a democracy, the Universal Adult Franchise is important because of the following reasons:

1. It is based on the idea of equality.
2. It means that all the adult citizens, i.e. those who are 18 years and above, have the right to vote irrespective of their socioeconomic backgrounds.

Q2. Re-read the box on Article 15 and state two ways in which this Article addresses inequality?

Ans2. The two ways are

1. The State shall not discriminate against any citizen on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them.
2. No citizen shall, on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them, be subject to any disability, liability, restriction or condition with regard to:-
 - a. Access to shops, public restaurants, hotels and places of public entertainment.
 - b. The use of wells, tanks, bathing ghats, roads and places of public recreation maintained wholly or partly out of State funds or dedicated to the use of the general public.

Q3. What do you understand by the term “all persons are equal before the law”? Why do you think it is important in a democracy?

Ans4. “All persons are equal before law” means that every person from the president of the country to a poor person has to obey the same laws. This is important in a democracy to preserve the true nature of a democratic society where everyone is given equal recognition and provided with equal opportunities.

Extra Questions:

Q1. Mention the provisions written in the constitution that gives recognition to equality.

Ans. a) Article -14 of the Indian constitution provide equality before law to every person.

b) Article -15 says no person can be discriminated on the basis of their religion, race , gender, caste, place of birth etc.

(c) Every person has access to all public places including playgrounds, hotels, shops, and markets. All persons can use publicly available wells, roads and bathing ghats.

(d) Untouchability has been abolished.

Q2. Write two ways in which the government has to implement equality.

Ans2. The two ways are-

i) By making laws

ii) Through government programs and schemes to help disadvantaged communities.

Q3. What is the mid-day meal program? List three benefits of the program?

Ans3. Mid Day Meal program is a school meal programme introduced in all government elementary schools to provide children with cooked food.

Benefits:

i) It has helped to increase the attendance of poor children in the school.

ii) It has reduced caste prejudices as children of upper and lower caste eat the meal together.

iii) It has also helped to reduce the hunger of poor children.

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