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Class 7th

Chapter 1: On Equality



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Exercises

Que 1: In a democracy why is universal adult franchise important?

Ans : In a democracy, universal adult franchise is important because of the following reasons:

1. It is based on the idea of equality.
2. It is an essential condition of democracy.
3. A government elected by universal adult vote is valid.
4. If everyone does not have the right to vote, then it will not be a democratic government.
5. It allows every adult to vote, regardless of caste, creed, religion, region, gender, rich or poor.

Que 2: Re-read the box on Article 15 and state two ways in which this Article addresses inequality?

Ans : Article 15 of the Constitution contains two methods that remove inequality:

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 the use of any shops, hotels, wells, tanks, roads, etc.

Que 3: In what ways was Omprakash Valmiki's experience similar to that of the Ansaris?

Ans: Omprakash Valmiki was not allowed to attend school because of his caste. He was brought up with a broom in the playground. Similarly, people refused to rent out their house to the Ansari couple because of their religion.

Que 4: What do you understand by the term "all persons are equal before the law"? Why do you think it is important in a democracy?

Ans: It means that every individual in the country, including male and female, belonging to any caste, religion, tribes, educational and economic background are treated as equal. I think equality is very important for democracy. Because equality is an essential condition of democracy. If people are discriminated on the basis of caste, creed, religion, sex, property etc., then democracy will not survive.

Que 5: According to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, persons with disabilities have equal rights, and that the government should make possible their full participation in society. The government has to provide free education and integrate children with disabilities into mainstream schools. This law also states that all public places including buildings, schools, etc., should be accessible and provided with ramps.

Look at the photograph and think about the boy who is being carried down the stairs. Do you think the above law is being implemented in his case? What needs to be done to make the building more accessible for him? How would his being carried down the stairs affect his dignity as well as his safety?



Ans : No, the above law is not being implemented in this case.

- ❖ According to this act, ramps should be made for persons with disabilities in all public places. While this is not the case in the picture.
- ❖ His self-respect has been hurt by lifting him like this. He may feel inferior.
- ❖ Lifting like this keeps the possibility of any accident.