**DIVERSITY**

1. **MCQs:**
   1. **b)** Diversity
   2. **a)** enrich our lives
   3. **d)** All of these
   4. **d)** All of these
   5. **b)** connected to each other
   6. **c)** Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru
2. **VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:**
3. **Define diversity.**

**Ans**: Diversity means the state of being diverse.

1. **How does diversity enrich our knowledge ?**

**Ans**: Diversity enriches our knowledge when we read a good story in other languages.

1. **Why do you think India is a country of diversities ?**

**Ans**: India is a country of diversity because people follow different cultures, religions and languages.

1. **Who was Vasco da Gama ?**

**Ans**: Vasco da Gama was a Portuguese navigator who discovered the sea route to India from Europe.

1. **SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:**
   1. **What is meant by diversity ?**

**Ans**:

1. Diversity means the state of being diverse.
2. We see different types of people in our surroundings who follow different culture, religions and languages.
   1. **Mention any two qualities that diversity adds to our lives.**

**Ans**:

1. Diversity enriches our quality of life.
2. It also enriches our knowledge.
   1. **Make a list of the festivals that are celebrated in your locality. Which of these festivals are celebrated by the members of different regional and religious communities ?**

**Ans**:

1. Dussehra, Diwali, Holi, Lohri, Eid and Christmas, etc. are celebrated in our locality.
2. These festivals are also celebrated by the members of different regional and religious communities.
   1. **‘Unity in Diversity’ is an appropriate phrase to describe India. Justify this statement.**

**Ans**:

1. India’s diversity has always been proved as a source of its strength.
2. During India’s freedom struggle, men and women from different linguistic, cultural, religious and regional backgrounds came together to oppose the British colonial rule.

That’s why, the term, **‘Unity in Diversity’** is an appropriate phrase to describe India.

* 1. **Underline the line in the poem that was sung after the Jallianwala incident, which according to you, reflects India’s essential unity.**

**Ans**: “The blood of Hindu, Muslim flows together today”. This line in the poem reflects India’s essential unity.

1. **LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:**
   1. **How does living in India with its rich heritage of diversity add to our lives ?**

**Ans**: Living in India with its rich heritage of diversity adds to our lives in many ways:

1. In India different types of people who come from all kinds of backgrounds can help to make friendship with the people who are very different. This can enrich our quality of life.
2. Diversity enriches our knowledge and it gives lots of ideas.
   1. **What was Pt. Nehru trying to say about Indian unity in the phrase, “Unity in Diversity” taken from his famous book, The Discovery of India ?**

**Ans**:

1. By ‘Unity in Diversity’ Pt. Nehru was trying to say that Indian unity is not something imposed from outside but it is deeper.
2. In India, the widest tolerance of belief and custom is practised and every variety is acknowledged and even encouraged.
3. India’s diversity has always been proved as a source of its strength.
4. During India’s freedom struggle, men and women from different linguistic, cultural, regional background came together to oppose the British colonial rule.
   1. **How do historical and geographical factors influence the diversity of a region ?**

**Ans**:

1. The historical and geographical factors influence the diversity of a region.
2. The history of many places show as to how many different cultural influences have helped to shape life and culture there.
3. Diversity also comes about when people adapt their lives to the geographical area in which they live.
   1. **What are the several characteristics of diversity in India ?**

**Ans**: **Characteristics of Diversity in India are as follows:**

1. The people of India speak different languages.
2. People of India have the freedom to follow any religion.
3. People of India have different cultural backgrounds.
4. Different dances, festivals, music, food habits and clothes reflect India’s diversity.
   1. **What are the main reasons for diversity in India ?**

**Ans**: **Following are the main reasons for diversity in India:**

1. High inequality of income and wealth among the people of India create diversity.
2. Caste system is an important reason for social inequality which creates unequal and unscientific social hierarchy.
3. The history of many places shows as to how many different cultural influences have helped to shape life and culture there.
4. Diversity also comes about when people adapt their lives to the geographical area in which they live.
5. **FILL IN THE BLANKS:**
6. **The historical and \_\_\_\_\_\_ factors influence the diversity of a region.**

**Ans**: geographical

1. **Ladakh’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ drew Chinese traders to this region.**

**Ans**: wool

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_ traders went to Kerala for spices.**

**Ans**: Arab

1. **India’s freedom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had thousands of people of different backgrounds in it.**

**Ans**: movement

1. **After the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ massacre people showed their strength.**

**Ans**: Jallianwala Bagh

**ADDITIONAL EXERCISES**

1. **ONE-WORD ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:**
   1. **Onam is the most important festival of which Indian state ?**

**Ans**: Kerala

* 1. **Who described India as Unity in Diversity ?**

**Ans**: Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru

* 1. **Name the classical dances of following states.**

**Ans**:

North India - Kathak

Tamil Nadu - Bharatnatyam

Kerala - Kathakali

Odisha - Odissi

Andhra Pradesh - Kuchipudi

Manipur - Manipuri

* 1. **The people of which Indian state like Makke di Roti and Sarason da Sag ?**

**Ans**: Punjab

* 1. **The people of which Indian state like to eat Litti and Chokha, Chura and Dahi, etc. ?**

**Ans**: Bihar

* 1. **The people of which Indian state wear mundu and blouse ?**

**Ans**: Kerala.

* 1. **In which year Vasco da Gama landed with his ship at Calicut ?**

**Ans**: In 1498.

* 1. **Who is believed to be the father of Christianity in India ?**

**Ans**: St. Thomas

1. **FILL IN THE BLANKS:**
   1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refers to the state of being diverse.**

**Ans**: Diversity.

* 1. **In the case of \_\_\_\_\_\_, the historical and geographical factors are connected to each other.**

**Ans**: diversity.

* 1. **In the case of diversity, the historical and \_\_\_\_\_\_ factors are connected to each other.**

**Ans**: geographical

* 1. **India’s diversity has always been proved as a source of its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Ans**: strength

* 1. **India’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has always been proved as a source of its strength.**

**Ans**: diversity

* 1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ described India as Unity in Diversity.**

**Ans**: Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru

* 1. **Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru described India as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Ans**: Unity in Diversity

* 1. **Music is divided into \_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Ans**: classical and folk