

Equality in Democracy

IV. Long Answer Type Questions:

Ans. 1:- "All persons are equal before the law" means that every person has to obey the same law. It is important in a democracy because:-

- (i) Citizens will be protected equally by the laws of the land.
- (ii) The state shall not discriminate between people on the basis of place of birth, religion, sex, caste, creed, race or wealth.
- (iii) Equality before the law is the foundation of democracy.
- (iv) It also involves some kind of equitable distribution of income and absence of privilege and social discrimination.

Ans. 2:- The provisions mentioned in our constitution with regard to equality among citizens are:-

- (i) Every person is equal before the law.
- (ii) This means that every person has to obey the same laws.
- (iii) No person can be discriminated against on the basis of religion, race, caste, place of birth or gender.
- (iv) Every person can use all public places including playgrounds, hotels, shops, markets, wells, roads and bathing ghats.
- (v) Untouchability has abolished. It is considered as a crime.

Ans. 3:- "In daily life, we still find many examples of inequality".

- (i) There are a significant number of people living below poverty line in India whose daily living and working conditions are far from equal.
- (ii) They hardly manage two square meals in day.
- (iii) They have to live in slum areas.
- (iv) They cannot get good medical and educational facilities.

- (v) Though the government provides such facilities at cheap rates, yet these are neither easily available nor equally good everywhere.

Ans. 4:- The advantages of Mid-day Meal are:-

- (i) More poor children have begun enrolling and regularly attending school.
- (ii) Earlier the children would go home for lunch, generally they would not return back but now, their attendance has improved.
- (iii) Earlier mothers were interrupted in their work as they had to feed their children at home during the day. It is not so, any more.
- (iv) This program has helped a lot by reducing caste prejudices because all students eat together.
- (v) Dalit women have also been employed to cook mid-day meals.

V. Fill in the Blanks:

1. Equal
2. Dignity
3. Dalits
4. Slowly
5. USA