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Chapter - 2
Diversity and Discrimination

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING

Ques - How ~~can~~ the stereotype that girls are a burden on their parents affect the life of a daughter? Imagine this situation and list at least five different effects that this stereotype can have on the way daughters get treated in the house?

Ans - This is a belief in many parts of India that girls are a burden on their parents. This can affect the life of a girl in negative ways. Following are the some effects that this stereotype can have on the way daughters get treated in the house.

- (i) Some parents are not interested in girls education.
- (ii) The girls may be forced into marriage at an early age.
- (iii) The female child may be killed before its birth.
- (iv) The girls are treated badly and sometimes as things that have to pass next hand in future.
- (v) Girls do not get proper care in some families.

Ques- what does the Constitution say with regard to equality? why do you think it is important for all people to be equal?

Ans- The constitution says, that all citizens of India are equal irrespective of religion, caste, gender or economic status. This is important because it helps to maintain peace in country and create a sense of brotherhood in citizen that is necessary for the development of a country.

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Notes: -

Diversity

- * There are eight major religions in the world.
- * Every single one of them is practised in India.
- * We have more than 1600 languages that are people's mother tongues, and there are more than a hundred dance forms.

Prejudice

- * Prejudice means to judge other people negatively or see them as inferior. When we think that only one particular way is the best and right way to do things we often end up not respecting others, who may prefer to do things differently. For example, if we think English is the best language, we are not respecting other languages, we are judging them negatively.
- * We can be prejudiced about many things: people's religious beliefs, the colour of their skin, the region they come from, the accent they speak in, the clothes they wear etc.

Stereotype

- * When we fix people into one image we create a stereotype.
- * When we say that girls say but boys don't we create stereotype.
- * Stereotypes stop us from looking at each person as a unique individual with his or her own special qualities and skills that are different from others.

Inequality and Discrimination

- * Discrimination happens when people act on their prejudices or stereotypes. For example, they belonged to different religions. This is an aspect of diversity. However, this diversity can also be a source of discrimination. Groups of people who may speak a certain language, follow a particular religion, live in specific regions etc., may be discriminated against as their customs or practices may be seen as inferior.

- * Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar (1891-1956) is considered as the father of the Indian Constitution and is also the best known leader of the Dalits.