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## Chapter - 1 Of equality

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### \* Democracy :-

Democracy is a system of government in which the citizens exercise supreme power. It is for the people, by the people and to the people.

### \* Universal Adult Franchise :-

The right to vote, granted universally to all adults, whether they are men or women, rich or poor, white or black is called 'Universal adult franchise'. It is also known as Universal suffrage.

\* Untouchability → Untouchability is a term that the so called lower-castes use to address themselves. Untouchability means 'broken' and by using this word, lower castes are pointing to how they were, and continue to be, seriously discriminated against.

### \* Equality in Indian democracy :-

The Indian Constitution recognises every person as equal. This means that every individual



in the country, including male and female persons from all castes - Subaguna, Bishoi, educational and economic backwardness are brought as equal.

\* Constitution :-

This is a document that lays down the basic rules and regulations for people and the government in the country to follow.

\* Integrity -> The refers to the integrity of small and short persons as unity of people.

\* Civil Rights Movement :-

A movement that began in USA in 1950s in which African-American people demanded equal rights and an end to racial discrimination.

\* People's Participation :-

In a democracy every citizen has right to join and run government directly or indirectly.

Q1/A

Q.1 = In a democracy why is universal adult franchise important?

Ans = Universal adult franchise is important and because it is based on the idea of equality, not on the basis of caste, religion, etc.

Universal adult franchise states that every adult who is 18 years old or above in a country is eligible to vote. It is a right and the government has the duty to ensure that the franchise is not misused.

Q.2 =

Re - read the box on article 15 and write two ways in which the article addresses inequality?

Ans = a) The article addresses inequality in the terms of caste, sex, religion, race, and birth, and in public entertainment.

b) The use of words, phrases, and symbols, and places of public worship, and a way of passing out of the state, and in dedicated for the use of general public.

Q.3 = In what ways was Empress Ashoka's experience was similar to that of the

Ans=?

Ans= Both Amrakesh Varnik and Ansoa were subjected to discrimination on the basis of caste and religion. In both the cases, the dignity of the person was violated.

Q.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= In constitution rule of law is mentioned in Article 14, that means every person from President of the country to a domestic worker has to obey the same law. No person can be discriminated against on the basis of the religion, race, caste etc.

Q.5= What is the midday meal programme? Can you list three benefits of the programme? How do you think this programme might help promote greater equality?

Ans= Midday meal programme was started in 2001 by the order of supreme court. It was first launched in Tamil Nadu. It then launched in all India to all students to the classes upto 5<sup>th</sup> standard. It is very good as all children get a meal before this, child-

ren couldn't concentrate on the studies because of hunger but now it is possible to concentrate easily and one most important benefit is that the children won't get out in lunch and some of them come but some not. But now they stay in the school. It also gives employment to ~~lot~~ <sup>many</sup> women to cook food and gain some money.

Q.6= Find out about one government scheme in your area. What does this scheme do? Whom is this scheme set up to benefit?

Ans= There is one government scheme known as 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. This scheme encourages all citizens to clean the country with their desire. This scheme help us to clean our surroundings.

Q.7= What is civil right movement? Where did this began?

Ans= Civil right movement was started or began in 1950 in which people of African-Americans or black colour demanded equal rights to all the people.

Q.8= Write a short note on the basis of inequality in your society?



- Inequality happens in our society. If a labourer or worker (who is of lower caste) come to house in our society, they discriminate them by giving them money from very poor distance by throwing at them or give them beating in degradable utensils or sending them when they come near.

Q.2= What do you understand by the term Universal Adult Franchise? Write in your own words what is its importance of in India.

Ans= Universal Adult Franchise or Universal Suffrage means the grants of one vote per every adult above 18 years or equal to 18 years where they shed their borders, irrespective of their caste, race, religion etc.

Its importance :-

- ① It helps people to participate in the process of government without any discrimination.
- ② If Universal Adult Franchise would not exist then the people of lower would not be able to vote and the process of government will become unstable because of lack of participation.

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