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Class 8 Civics Chapter 2 Assignment

Understanding Secularism

Question /Answer

Q1. What do you understand by secularism?

Ans:

- (I) Secularism is the belief that no one should be discriminated on the basis of the religion he or she wants to practices.
- (II) Every citizen, irrespective of which religion he or she follows, is equal in the eyes of the laws and policies that govern the Nation.
- (III) The state does not promote any religion as state religion.

Q2.Name the major religions practiced all over the world.

Ans. Hinduism; Islam ; Sikhism; Christianity; Buddhism; Jainism and Judaism are the major religions practiced all over the world.

Q3.Why is it important to separate a religion from the state?

Ans. It is important to separate a religion from the state because of the following reasons:

- (I) TO FUNCTION DEMOCRATICALLY: - It is important to separate religion from the state so that the country functions democratically. The majority of religious group does not dominate the minority religious groups.
- (II) TO PROTECT THE FREEDOM OF INDIVIDUALS: - It is important to separate the religion from the state so that the freedom of individual is protected.

Q4. What is Indian Secularism?

Ans.The Indian constitution mandates that the Indian state be secular. According to the constitution, only a secular state can realize its objectives to ensure the following

- (i) That one religion community does not dominate the other.
- (ii) That some members do not dominate other members of the same religious community;
- (iii) That the state does not enforce any particular religion nor take away the religious freedom of individuals.

Q5. What do you understand from the statement 'freedom to interpret religious teachings differently' in context with the practice of untouchability?

Ans.

Untouchability refers to the social practice of excluding a minority group (untouchables) by regarding them as "ritually polluted" and segregating them from the mainstream by social custom. According to the Indian constitution everyone has the freedom to interpret religious teachings in their own way. Similarly, the Dalits who are called untouchables have the freedom to interpret religion in their own way. The Indian constitution has abolished 'Untouchability'.

Q6. What are the objectives of the Indian constitution that advocates secularism?

Ans

The objectives of the Indian constitution that advocates secularism are...

- (i) One religious community should not dominate another.
- (ii) Some members of a religious community should not dominate other members of the same religious community.
- (iii) The State should not enforce any particular religion nor take away the religious freedom of individuals.

Q7. What are the strategies followed by the Indian government to establish secularism?

Ans:

The strategies followed by the Indian government to establish secularism are...

- (i) Strategy of distancing itself from religion
- (ii) Strategy of non-interference
- (iii) Strategy of intervention