



CLASS: VII

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SUBJECT: SST (SPL)

L1: On Equality

Q1. In a democracy why is universal adult franchise important?

Solution: Universal adult franchise is a very important aspect of democratic societies as:

1. It promotes the idea of equality.
2. It means that all adult (those who are 18 years and above) citizens have the right to vote irrespective of their caste, religion, gender, and social and economic backgrounds. By voting, the citizens participate in creating their government.
3. It makes the government more accountable towards people.

Q2. Re-read the box on Article 15 and state two ways in which this Article addresses inequality?

Solution: 1. It states all citizens can go to public places like shops, public restaurants, hotels and places of public entertainment, etc. They cannot be stopped to enter these public places based on religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth, or gender.

2. It specifically mentions that any citizen irrespective of his/her background can use wells, tanks, bathing ghats, roads and places of public resort maintained wholly or partly out of State funds or dedicated to the use of the general public.

Q3. What do you understand by the term “all persons are equal before the law”? Why do you think it is important in democracy?

Solution: 1. The term “all persons are equal before the law” means every citizen is entitled to all the constitutional rights and freedom without being discriminated on the basis of caste, religion, race, place of birth, or gender.

2. It is an important aspect of democracy. It ensures that the government will take care of the needs of all the citizens and fulfill them. It safeguards the interests of people and ensures that all persons have access to all public resources.