

What is Government?

Q (1) What do you understand by the word 'government'? List five ways in which you think the government affects your daily life.

Ans → Government is a mechanism that governs and take decisions according to the rules. Government affects our daily life in the following ways:

- (i) It provides us health facilities.
- (ii) It provides us water supply.
- (iii) It runs school, hospital, railway system.
- (iv) It protects our boundaries.
- (v) It solves our social issues.

Q (2) Why do you think the government needs to make rules for everyone in the form of laws?

Ans → It is necessary to make rules in the form of laws as:

- (i) It ensures the security of the nation.
- (ii) It helps the people to lead a normal life.
- (iii) It prevents the misuse of their power.
- (iv) It helps in proper functioning of the government.

Q. ③ Name two essential features of a democratic government.

Ans → Two essential features of a democratic government are:

(i) People have the power to elect their leaders.

(ii) Democracy is a rule by the people. It is people who rule themselves by participation in the making of these rules.

Q. ④ What was the suffrage movement? What did it accomplish?

Ans → The word suffrage means right to vote. The women and the poor people in Europe and USA had to fight to get the right to vote. It was not an easy struggle. The demand for right to vote got strengthened during the first world war.

American women got the right to vote in 1920. In U.K. the women got the right to vote on the same terms as men.

Q.5) Gandhiji strongly believed that every adult in India should be given the right to vote. However, a few people don't share his views. They feel that illiterate people, who are mainly poor, should not be given the right to vote. What do you think? Do you think this would be a form of discrimination? Give five points to support your view and share these with the class.

- Ans → The constitution aims at providing an equality to all its citizens.
- As ideal citizens we all have to abide by the constitutional provision.
 - We have no right to discriminate any one on the basis of caste, creed, gender and poverty.
 - An illiterate should not be debarred from voting right.
 - Our constitution provides equality for all its citizen.
 - As ideal citizens, we must honour human dignity and legal provisions.

6/6/20