

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

Ans. - In a democracy universal adult franchise is so important because of the following reasons.

I. Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

II. In a democracy every citizen is equal before the law.

III. The concept of the universal adult franchise is based on equality.

IV. Every adult irrespective of caste, creed, ~~sex~~ religion, region, sex, the rich or poor background is allowed to vote. This is called universal adult franchise.

Q. 2. Re-read the box on Article 15 and state two ways in which this Article addresses inequality?

Ans. (A) The Article 15 addresses inequality in terms of access to shops, public restaurants, hotels and places of public entertainment or (B) the use of wells, tanks, bathing ghats, roads and places of public resort maintained wholly or partly out of state funds or dedicated to the use of general public. Above are the given two ways by which Article 15 addresses inequality.

Q. 3. In what ways was Omprakash Vaidya's experience similar to that of the Ansaries?

Ans) Omprakash Valmiki's experience was similar to that of Ansaries in the following ways.

I Omprakash Valmiki was not allowed to sit with other students on the desks or mats.

II Ansaries were not given apartments on rent in the locality of the people belonging to the Hindu religion.

III ^{Here} one way Omprakash Valmiki was discriminated against on the basis of caste in another way Ansaries were discriminated against on the basis of religion.

B. 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) According to the Article 14 of the Constitution of India provides for equality before the law, or equal protection of the laws within the territory of India.

I According to above given statement we understand by the term "all persons are equal before the law" we understand equality.

II Equality is so important in a democracy because democracy is the government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

- Equality is the essence of democracy
- If people are discriminated against on the basis of caste, creed, religion, sex, prosperity etc. the democracy will never survive.