

Democracy and Diversity

1. OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

1. By the end of 17th century, people got the liberty of:
 (a) speech (b) choosing government
 (c) both (a) and (b) (d) none of the above

Ans : (b) choosing government

2. Tommie Smith and John Carlos belong to which ethnic group of America?
 (a) African-American (b) Black-American
 (c) American tribe (d) Asian-American

Ans : (a) African-American

3. In which year, Olympics were held in the Mexico City?
 (a) 1988 (b) 1986
 (c) 1968 (d) 1966

Ans : (c) 1968

4. End of racism in USA was led by:
 (a) Black Power Movement (b) Racism Movement
 (c) both (a) and (b) (d) none of the above

Ans : (a) Black Power Movement

5. What is the term used to refer mainly to the descendants of Africans who were brought into America as slaves between the 17th and early 19th century?
 (a) Asian-Americans (b) Black-Americans
 (c) African Slaves (d) Native Americans

Ans : (b) Black-Americans

6. In Northern Ireland, difference between Protestants and Roman Catholics led to:
 (a) civil war (b) social division
 (c) social differences (d) none of the above

Ans : (a) civil war

7. Who won the Silver Medal in 200 metre race in Mexico Olympics 1968?
 (a) John Carlos (b) Peter Smith
 (c) Tommie Smith (d) Peter Norman

Ans : (d) Peter Norman

8. Uniqueness about the 1968 Olympics held at Mexico City was that
 (a) racism was ended by UN.
 (b) US Athletes won all the silver medals.
 (c) Afro-American athletes protested against racial discrimination in USA.
 (d) Mexico organised Olympics for three consecutive years.

Ans : (c) Afro-American athletes protested against racial discrimination in USA

9. The government which can balance plural diversities is:
 (a) democracy (b) authoritarian
 (c) military rule (d) none of the above

Ans : (a) democracy

10. The French Revolution was influenced by the French philosopher.
 (a) Rousseau (b) Montesquieu
 (c) Cornwallis (d) James II

Ans : (b) Montesquieu

11. Who won the Gold Medal in 200 metre race in Mexico Olympics 1968?
 (a) Tommie Smith (b) Peter Norman
 (c) Peter Smith (d) John Carlos

Ans : (a) Tommie Smith

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12. Who won the Bronze Medal in 200 metre race in Mexico Olympic 1968?
 (a) Peter Smith (b) John Carlos
 (c) Peter Norman (d) Tommie Smith

Ans : (b) John Carlos

13. Civil Rights Movement in US was led by
 (a) Martin Luther King (b) Martin Luther
 (c) Martin Luther King Junior (d) All of the above

Ans : (c) Martin Luther King Junior

14. How many countries emerged after disintegration of Yugoslavia?
 (a) 5 (b) 4
 (c) 6 (d) 3

Ans : (c) 6

15. The ideas of Rousseau and Voltaire influenced the:
 (a) American people (b) Indian people
 (c) European people (d) none of the above

Ans : (c) European people

16. Which country have political and religious relations with the Northern Ireland?

- (a) Germany (b) UK
(c) USA (d) Scotland

Ans : (b) UK

17. Who represent the interests of catholics in the Northern Ireland?

- (a) Socialists (b) Liberals
(c) Nationalists (d) Unionists

Ans : (c) Nationalists

18. Who represent the interests of protestants in the Northern Ireland?

- (a) Republicanists (b) Unionists
(c) Liberals (d) Socialists

Ans : (b) Unionists

19. India is a vast country with:

- (a) languages (b) communities
(c) religions (d) All of these

Ans : (d) All of these

20. What is the percentage of protestants in Northern Ireland?

- (a) 43 (b) 67
(c) 2 (d) 53

Ans : (d) 53

21. Which of the following governments can accommodate diversity?

- (a) Communism (b) Democracy
(c) Dictatorship (d) Monarchy

Ans : (b) Democracy

22. The origin of democracy for ordinary people dates back to:

- (a) 1988 (b) 1688
(c) 1588 (d) 1788

Ans : (b) 1688

23. When did violence end in UK?

- (a) 1990 (b) 1966
(c) 1998 (d) 1992

Ans : (c) 1998

2. FILL IN THE BLANK

DIRECTION : Complete the following statements with appropriate word(s).

1. The social differences are mostly based on

Ans : Accident of birth

2. People who feel marginalised, deprived and discriminated have to fight against the

Ans : Injustices

3. In democracy, people get the opportunity to choose

their

Ans : leaders

4. As per the International Olympic Association, Tommie Smith and John Carlos violated the Olympic spirit by making a

Ans : Political Statement

5. In Sri Lanka, there are religious as well as differences.

Ans : Linguistic

3. TRUE/FALSE

DIRECTION : Read each of the following statements and write if it is true or false.

1. UK's population is majorly divided into two major sectors of Catholics and Protestants.

Ans : True

2. Democracy involves domination of a particular party.

Ans : False

3. Outcomes of politics of social divisions depends mainly on 3 factors.

Ans : True

4. Social divisions do not affect politics.

Ans : False

5. Political competition along religious ending ethnic lines led to the disintegration of Yugoslavia.

Ans : True

4. ASSERTION AND REASON

DIRECTION : Mark the option which is most suitable :

(a) If both assertion and reason are true and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

(b) If both assertion and reason are true but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.

(c) If assertion is true but reason is false.

(d) If both assertion and reason are false.

1. **Assertion :** Civil rights movement continued in the United States from 1954-68 which protested against racial discrimination.

Reason : Racial discrimination is inhumane and should not be practiced for it promotes discriminatory and prejudiced attitude.

Ans : (a) Both assertion and reason are true and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

Civil rights movement in the USA (1954-1968) practiced non-violent means to protest against racial discrimination. Racial discrimination is not justified and should be completely ousted from the mentalities of the people. The reason justifies the assertion.

2. **Assertion :** The difference between the Blacks and Whites becomes Social division in the US.

Reason : Social divisions do not always lead to social

differences

Ans : (b) Both assertion and reason are true but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.

The difference between the Blacks and Whites becomes Social division in the US. Social division takes place when some social difference overlaps with other differences. However, the reason does not justify the assertion.

- 3. Assertion :** Social divisions affect voting in most countries.

Reason : People from one community tend to prefer some party more than others.

Ans : (a) Both assertion and reason are true and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

Social divisions affect voting in most countries. People from one community tend to prefer some party more than others because of their prejudices towards some social groups or the other, they tend to vote for the groups they connect or relate to.

- 4. Assertion :** Racial discrimination helps in bringing people closer.

Reason : Racial discrimination is highly desirable by all.

Ans : (d) Both assertion and reason are false.

Racial discrimination leads to domination of one social group by other. Hence, it leads to oppression and feeling of hatred and not integration of society.

- 5. Assertion :** In Northern Ireland, class and religion overlap with each other.

Reason : Catholics and Protestants are likely to be equally rich or poor.

Ans : (a) Both assertion and reason are true and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

In Northern Ireland, class and religion overlap with each other. Catholics and Protestants are likely to be equally rich or poor. So, there are no conflicts in Catholic and Protestants.

- 6. Assertion :** Social differences always lead to social division.

Reason : Homogenous society is desirable for avoiding social difference.

Ans : (d) Both assertion and reason are false.

Social differences do not always lead to social division. It leads to social division only when people use it negatively to segregate themselves from others or to demean/degrade some group. For example, Caste, Religion, Racial group, etc. Social differences do not always need to be avoided, for example the Olympics held at Mexico city taught the same lesson.

- 7. Assertion :** Democracy is the best way to accommodate diversity.

Reason : Democracy helps in creating homogenous society.

Ans : (c) Assertion is true but reason is false.

Democracy helps in accommodating diversity by giving equal rights to people from all social groups and communities. The reason however is false because heterogeneous society is created by democracy.

- 8. Assertion :** Social divisions exist in only big countries like India.

Reason : Small countries are homogenous.

Ans : (d) Both assertion and reason are false.

Social divisions can exist in any country regardless of the size of the country. For example, Sri Lanka is a small country yet it has conflict over social differences between Sinhala speaking and Tamil speaking people.

- 9. Assertion :** India has a lot of social differences.

Reason : India is a democratic nation.

Ans : (b) Both assertion and reason are true but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.

India has a lot of social differences based on caste, religion and languages, and it is the largest democracy in the world, yet the reason does not justify the assertion.

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