



#### Question 4

In each of the following situations, identify the minority. Write one reason why you think it is important to respect the views of the minority in each of these situations.

- (a) In a school with 30 teachers, 20 of them are male.
- (b) In a city, 5 per cent of the population are Buddhists.
- (c) In a factory mess for all employees, 80 per cent are vegetarians.
- (d) In a class of 50 students, 40 belong to more well-off families.

Solution:

- (a) Female teachers are in the minority - It is necessary to respect the views of the lady teachers also as their view points may also be in the best interest of the students.
- (b) Buddhists are in the minority- Every individual has the right to follow the religion of his choice.
- (c) Non - vegetarians are in the minority - The food a person eats is his personal wish and so he should have the freedom to eat what he wants.
- (d) The under privileged are in minority - Citizens cannot be discriminated by their birth so their views have to be respected.

#### Question 5

Listed below are the key features of the Indian Constitution. Write two sentences, in your own words, on why you think this feature is important key feature of

- 1. Federalism
- 2. Separation of Powers
- 3. Fundamental Rights
- 4. Parliamentary Form of Government

Solution:

- 1. Federalism:  
means more than one level of government in the country.  
India has a 3 tier government. India needs a 3 tier government because of the diverse religious and cultural composition of its citizens. A government at the centre alone could not be effective for every one.
- 2. Separation of Powers:  
In order to prevent the misuse of power by the elected representative the constitution advocate Separation of powers. Each branch of the government has its powers fixed by the Constitution. The Constitution ensures that a balance of power is maintained between the Legislature Executive and the Judiciary.
- 3. Fundamental Rights:  
Fundamental Rights guarantees the rights of individuals against the State as well as against other individuals. It protects minority communities and guarantees rights against the majority.
- 4. Parliamentary Form of Government:  
In a Parliamentary form of government the constitution guarantees universal adult franchise for all citizens. That is, all adults have a right to vote, irrespective of whether they are poor or rich, educated or uneducated, a Hindu, Muslim or a Christian. The idea of universal adult franchise is based on

equality.

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