



EXTRA QUESTIONS

Question-1

Mention the levels on which marginalization can take place.

Solution:

Marginalization can take place on three levels.

They are.... Individual Community Global.

Question-2

Mention the Names of the communities which experience marginalization in India?

Solution:

The major communities which experience marginalization in India are the Adivasis, Dalits and Muslims.

Question-3

What are the reasons why a community is marginalized, and how does it affect the community?

Solution:

The reasons for a community to be socially marginalized are.....

1. Different language
2. Different customs
3. Different religion
4. Financial status
5. Education

Economic, social, cultural and political factors work together to make certain groups in society feel marginalised. Marginalized groups are viewed with hostility and deprived of opportunities that are available to other communities. They experience a sense of disadvantage and powerlessness against more powerful and dominant sections of society.

Question-4

Write a brief note on Adivasis.

Solution:

The Adivasis are indigenous peoples and are believed to be the first inhabitants of India. Adivasis have distinct languages, religions and forms of self-government, together with a deep bond to their land and respect for nature. 8 per cent of India's population are Adivasis. There are over 500 different Adivasi groups in India.

Adivasi communities do not have any hierarchy among them. They are totally different from communities organised around principles of the caste system.

The religion of Adivasis is different from Islam, Hinduism or Christianity. The Adivasis worship their ancestral, village or nature spirits.

During the nineteenth century, substantial numbers of Adivasis converted to Christianity, which has emerged as a very important religion in modern Adivasi history. Adivasis have their own languages which may be as old as Sanskrit. The Adivasi language

has influenced the formation of Indian languages, like Bengali.

Question-5

How are Adivasis portrayed today?

Solution:

Today, Adivasis are portrayed as exotic, primitive and backward people. Cultural shows are presented with Adivasis dances. They are represented through colourful costumes and headgears.

Adivasis are blamed for their lack of advancement as they are believed to be resistant to change or new ideas.

This negative portrayal of the Adivasis has led to the marginalization of this community in modern India.

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