

CHAPTER-2 SOLUTIONS FOR EXERCISE QUESTION AND ANSWER DIVERSITY, PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION.

1. Explain the terms 'prejudice' and 'discrimination'

A- Prejudice comes from the words 'to judge before'. It is forming an unfavorable opinion or feeling about a person or a group of people, without a full examination of the situation.

B- Discrimination is making a distinction against a person or thing based on the group, class or category they belong to, rather than basing any action on individual merit.

2. Explain how caste forms a basis for discrimination

The Indian into four main castes- the Brahmins, Khastriyas, Vaishyas and the Shudras. Those at the bottom are considered 'untouchable', 'impure' and 'polluting' to other caste groups.

3- What is meant by 'stereotype'? Give an example

A stereotype is an oversimplified and unfair belief that a group of people has particular characteristics or that all members of a group are same.

Example- Men are strong and do all the work

4- Give two examples to show how girls and women are treated unfairly.

- a) Unequal wages for the service or work.
- b) Girls are not good at sports.

5- Why does the law prohibit dowry and child marriage?

Marrying children at a tender age deprives them of the opportunities to study and enjoy the joys of children. At a very young age the children are not ready to take of the responsibilities associated with marriage. So, the law prohibits dowry and child marriage.

6- How does the Indian Constitution prevent discrimination?

Our constitution have made provisions to protect the weaker sections of the people against discrimination.

- The Constitution gives various fundamental rights which means that no one can be discriminated against on the basis of their gender, caste, religion, race or economic status.
- If this right is violated, the citizen can seek its enforcement through a court of law.
- The constitution has also given special concession to women in various fields, like a reservation of 33% seats for women in parliament , education of girl child etc.