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1) What are the various forms of caste in politics?

OR

"Caste system is very much inherent in politics". Justify.

o Selection of candidates in politics -

When parties choose candidates in elections, they keep in mind the caste composition of the electorate and nominate candidates from

different castes so as to muster necessary support, to win elections

o Political parties as the representative of the caste. -

Political parties and candidates in elections make appeals to caste sentiment to muster support.

o Caste influences the Universal Adult Franchise -

Universal adult franchise and the principle of one person - one vote compelled political leaders to gear up to the task of mobilising and securing political support.

o Various Caste groups were required to enter to a coalition with other castes and enter into negotiations -

No parliamentary constituency in the



country has a clear majority of one single caste. So, every candidate and party needs to win the confidence of more than one caste and community to win elections.

Thus the focus on caste in politics can some times give an impression that elections are all about caste and nothing else.