

hereditary: something that is passed on from parent to child
socialism: principle of treating all the people in a country as equals
secular: where all religions are treated as equal

Exercises

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. The set of rules according to which our government runs is called our constitution.
2. Our Constitution was accepted on January 26. This day is called Republic Day.
3. The Directive Principles give guidelines to the government for the welfare of the citizens.
4. Every citizen of India has certain fundamental Rights.

B. Match the columns.

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| 1. 26 January | — | a. Fundamental Right |
| 2. Right to follow any religion | — | b. Directive Principle |
| 3. Protecting our national property | — | c. Republic Day |
| 4. Providing work for everyone | — | d. Our duty |

C. Identify the principle behind the following in our Constitution.

1. People of India are free to follow the religion of their choice: secularism
2. All citizens of India will be treated as equals: socialism
3. The people of India choose the leaders who form the Government: democracy

D. Answer the following questions.

1. What do you mean by the Constitution of our country?
2. 'India is a democracy'. What does this mean?
3. List three fundamental rights of the people of India.
4. List three of our important duties as citizens of India.
5. What do you mean by the 'Directive Principles' of our Constitution?

Provision

1. Which of the following applies to India?
a. Democracy b. Socialism c. Secularism d. All of these ✓
2. The set of written rules according to which our country is run, is called:
a. Constitution ✓ b. Directive principles c. Fundamental rights d. Duties
3. Which of the following is not a fundamental right?
a. right to be treated as equal b. right to follow any religion
c. right to choose our profession d. right to proper living conditions ✓
4. Which of these is a directive principle and not a right?
a. providing work for everyone ✓
b. providing free education for children till the age of 14
c. freedom to live anywhere in the country
d. freedom to give your opinion

HOTS: Think and Answer

Suppose people of a country only want their rights and do not want to do their duties. What do you think would happen in such a country?