

**FACTS THAT MATTER**

- Everyone on earth differs from each other with respect to aspects like looks, behavior, culture, religion, language, talent etc. This means that there is diversity among people in these aspect. Diversity means the lack of uniformity and the sense of variety.
- Inequality comes about among people when they have different access to resources and opportunities. The caste system, religion, financial well-being education etc. are various forms of inequality in the society.
- India is a country of several diversities. Since it is a very big country, people in different parts differ in their customs, language, habits etc. These diversities arise from the fact that different regions have different histories and environments.
- Despite the diversities listed above, there are similarities that unite us. We all are Indian and during the freedom struggle, the whole country came together to send away the British, irrespective of their diverse backgrounds. The Indian national flag is the most important national symbol and it reminds us of our unity in diversity.

**WORDS THAT MATTER**

\*DIVERSITY-The sense of variety that exists in the traits looks, behavior, culture, religion, language, abilities resources and opportunities related to different people it said to be diversity.

\*INEQUALITY – The differences between two or more people that arise because of their abilities resources and opportunities or their caste etc. are termed as inequalities.

\*Habitat –The geographical area where a living being has adapted and lives comfortably is called the habitat of that living being.

**VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS**

Q1) What are the constant reminders of our rich traditions of respecting for diversity?

Q2) Why was the Indian flag used during the freedom struggle?

A2) During the freedom struggle the Indian flag was used as a symbol of protest against the British by people everywhere.

Q3) What is Ladakh also known as?

A3) Ladakh is known as little Tibet.

Q4) Give an example of diversity in India?

A4) All Indians share the same national pride of having India as their motherland.

Q5) Why did Sameer Do think that Sameer Ek did not know Hindi?

A5) Sameer Do, distributor of paper thought the author looked like a foreigner, so he could not know Hindi.

### SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS.

Q1) What did Ibn Batuta write about Kerala?

A1) Ibn Batuta wrote a travelogue in which he describes the life of Muslims and says that they were a highly respected community of Kerala.

Q2) What do you think living in India with its rich heritage of diversity adds to your life?

A2) India is a country with a rich heritage of diversity. People here belong to various religions, speak different languages, wear different clothes, eat different things among other diversities. However, despite all this, we unite together as Indians. We share the same national symbols, national virtues and feelings. Being an Indian gives us the divine idea of "Sarvadharmā sambhava" which means that we have the virtue of respecting all religions, since all religions are one.

Q3) Underline the line in the poem song after the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, which according to you, reflects India's essential unity?

A3) Don't forget the days of blood, O friend  
in the midst of your happiness remember to shed a tear for us,  
The hunter has torn away every single flower,  
Do plant a flower in the desert garden dear friend,  
Having fallen to bullet we slept in Jallianwala Bagh,  
Do light a lamp on this lonely grave O friend,  
The blood of Hindus and Muslims flows together today,  
Do soak your robe in this river of blood dear friend  
some not in jails while others lie in their graves,  
Do shed a few for them O friend.

The underlined lines reflect India's unity. When it came to struggling for freedom of the country, the Hindus and Muslims came together to fight and their blood flows together.

### LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

Q1) Do you think the term "Unity in diversity" is an appropriate term to describe India? What do you think Nehru is trying to say about Indian unity in the sentence quoted above from his book? The discovery of India?

A1) Yes I believe "unity in diversity" is an appropriate term to describe India.

\*DIVERSITY:- India is a large country and people of different parts follow different faith, speak various languages, wear and eat differently. This shows that India has a diversity spread across its people. Is justified

\* UNITY:- Despite the diversity as Indians we are one, as an Indian, we are no more a Gujarati or a Bengali we celebrate the national days with equal zeal, we sing the national anthem with the same passion, this shows our unity. Therefore, the phrase "unity in diversity" is justified.

Nehru has written in his book, "The Discovery of India ". It was something deeper and within its fold, the widest tolerance of belief and custom was practiced and every variety acknowledged and even encouraged.

Q2) How does the caste system bar equality?

A2) The caste system is another example of inequality. According to this, society was divided into different groups depending upon the work that people did and they were supposed to remain in those groups for example A potter's son was forced to be a potter and he could not adopt any other profession, it was not considered necessary for him to know anything more than what he needed to know in his profession. This system was considered irreversible. This created a situation of inequality.

**ACTIVITY**

Make a list of food that you have eaten from different parts of India.

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