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NCERT Class 9 Solutions: Chapter 3 Constitutional Design (Democratic Politics-I) Part 3

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Question 8. Here are different opinions about what made India a democracy. How much importance would you give to each of these factors?

I. Democracy in India is a gift of. We received training to work with representative legislative institutions under the British rule.

Answer:

- Idea of democracy is derived from British rulers in India while working under them.
- It's a gift of British ruler.

II. Freedom Struggle challenged the colonial exploitation and denial of different freedoms to Indians. Free India could not be anything but democratic.

Answer:

- Freedom struggle had played important role to spread idea of nationalism in India.
- It also had introduced the practice of making decisions by unanimity.
- It including the practice of making decisions by consensus.

III. We were lucky to have leaders who had democratic convictions. The denial of democracy in several other newly independent countries shows the important role of these leaders.

Answer:

- The leaders of freedom struggle of Inida wanted to give freedoms to the people.
- Only Freedom struggle of India is a bloodless freedom struggle in the history.
- It becomes possible only because national leaders also had listened other peoples view and also used them.

Question 9. Read the following extract from a conduct book for 'married women', published in 1912.

‘God has made the female species delicate and fragile both physically and emotionally, pitifully incapable of self-defense. They are destined thus by God to remain in male protection – of

father, husband and son – all their lives. Women should, therefore, not despair, but feel obliged that they can dedicate themselves to the service of men'. Do you think the values expressed in this para reflected the values underlying our constitution? Or does this go against the constitutional values?

Answer:

- Every citizen is equal according to the constitution except from gender difference.
- But in this paragraph the underlying value of our constitution is not reflecting because according to this paragraph women are treated as weak whereas constitution says men and women both are equal.

Question 10. Read the following statements about a constitution. Give reasons why each of these is true or not true.

1. The authority of the rules of the constitution is the same as that of any other law.
2. Constitution lays down how different organs of the government will be formed.
3. Rights of citizens and limits on the power of the government are laid down in the constitution.
4. A constitution is about institutions, not about values.

Answer:

1. False
2. Constitution is the supreme law under which government is elected and run the nation; it includes rights of citizens and their protection laws.
3. So constitution is the totally different then other laws
4. True
5. The role of the government, the administrative and the judiciary is defined under the constitution and it is also defined under constitution that how and by whom they should be formed.
6. True
7. All the power limits of government are institutions by Constitutions along with right of citizens.
8. False
9. The Constitution includes all the values which should be promoted by institutions.
10. The Preamble to the Constitution is an example of this from which clear idea that justice, liberty, equality and fraternity should be promoted.

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