

CBSE Class –VI Social Science
NCERT Solutions
Political Science Chapter 2
Diversity and Discrimination

Question 1. Match the following statements in a way that challenges stereotypes.

(a) Two surgeons were sitting down to lunch when one of them made a call on the mobile phone	(1) suffers from chronic asthma
(b) The boy who won the drawing competition went to the dais	(2) to become an astronaut which she did
(c) One of the fastest athletes in the world	(3) to speak with her daughter who had just returned from school
(d) She was not that well-off but had a dream	(4) on a wheelchair to collect his prize.

Ans :

(a) Two surgeons were sitting down to lunch when one of them made a call on the mobile phone	(3) to speak with her daughter who had just returned from school. (This statement is an example for the stereotype that people living in cities or having influential jobs like surgeon do not give time to their family. But here it is proved that feelings for the family are universal and the surgeon wanted to talk to his daughter).
(b) The boy who won the drawing competition went to the dais	(4) on a wheel chair to collect his prize. (This challenges the stereotype that handicapped people are good for nothing. But the truth is that they can do anything with their confidence and will power and win prizes like the boy.)
(c) One of the fastest athletes in the world	(1) suffers from chronic asthma. (This challenges the stereotype that chronic asthma patients can run fast or take part in sports)

(d) She was not that well-off but had a dream	(2) to become an astronaut which she did.(this challenges the stereotype that only high-class people can dream big and prove themselves.
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Question 2: How can the stereotype that girls are a burden on their parents affect the life of a daughter ? Imagine this situation and list at least five different effects that this stereotype can have on the way daughters get treated in the house.

Answer: When we fit all persons of a particular group in to one fixed image ,we create a stereotype.stereotype is based on prejudices.Such stereotypes hurt the feelings of others and can result in misunderstanding and conflicts between various communities and groups.

The stereotype thinking that girls are a burden on their parents will affect their life and shatter their dreams and goals.It also creates a feel of being inferior to others and arose a negative feel among them.

Five different effects of stereotype are:

- 1.They are not given quality education as they are not allowed to join the school or college.
2. They are not given nutritious diet and this may affect their health and growth .
- 3.They are not allowed to enjoy her childhood.They may be forced in to marriage at an early age and is forced to do household chores.
- 4.They are not given proper care ,love ,and affection of the family and not allowed to go out and enjoy with their friends.
- 5.Their issues are not properly addressed and proper medical care is not given when she falls ill.

Question 3. What does the constitution say with regard to equality?Why do you think it is important for all people to be equal?

Answer:There were different kinds of inequalities existed in India before getting independence.When India became a nation in 1947,our leaders were concerned about these inequalities .so they set out to prepare a constitution for India and took great care to remove inequalities and discrimination of all kind.This equality of all persons is seen as a key value that unites us all as Indian.

With regard to equality,the constitution said that;

1. All Indians are equal before law and everyone has equal rights and opportunities.
2. People are free to choose the kind of work they wish to do
3. Government jobs are open to all people.
4. Right to equality for poor and other such marginal communities.
5. Untouchability is seen as a crime and has been legally abolished by law.

It is important for all people to be equal so that all of them have the freedom to follow their religion ,speak their language,celebrate their festivals and express them freely.Respect for diversity can only be achieved by equality.

Question 4. Sometimes people make prejudiced comments in your presence.We are often not in a position to do anything about this because it is difficult to say something right then and there.Divide the class in to groups and each group discuss what they could do in one of the following situations:

- a.A friend begins to tease a classmate because he is poor.
- b.You are watching TV with your family and one of them makes a prejudicial comment about a particular religious community.
- c.Children in your class refuse to share their food with a particular person because they think she is dirty.
- d.Someone tells you a joke that makes fun of a community because of their accent.
- e.Some boys make remarks about girls not being able to play games as well as them.

Discuss in class what the different groups have suggested for the above situations,and also talk about the problems that can come up when raising the issue.

Answer: students should make five groups and discuss the issues among themselves.

- a. We should try to convince that being a poor is not a crime nor a matter of laughter.Hence,he should not tease his classmate.Instead he should learn to respect the personality and social background of each other.
- b. India is country known for its harmony and secularism.This is our power and we should not hurt the sentiments and beliefs of other community.
- c. We should not consider someone inferior to us only because of their appearance.We should treat all children as unique in their own and we should be friendly with all children.

d. People in each religion have their own language and accent. We should not make fun or joke of their accent and learn to respect it.

e. Every one is unique in their own way. They have their own physique and may not be good in all things

we should convince those boys that girls are no way less efficient than boys and should encourage them.