



CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS

1) What do you understand by the word 'government'? List five ways in which you think the government affects your daily life.

Answer: By the word, 'government' we understand that the organisation which takes decisions and makes laws for the citizens of a country is the government.

The five ways in which the government affects our daily life are:

- 1) Building roads and schools.
- 2) Reduction and fixing of prices of essential commodities.
- 3) Supply of electricity.
- 4) Preparation and implementation of several programmes to help the poor.
- 5) Running of postal and railway services.

2) Why do you think the government needs to make rules for everyone in the form of laws.

Answer: The government needs to make rules for everyone in the form of laws because of the following reasons:

- The government wants to give advantages to the people of the welfare measures to all without discrimination.
- To provide equality and justice to all.
- To maintain peace.
- To administer the country efficiently

3) Name two essential features of a democratic Government.

Answer:

- 1) The Government is answerable to the people.
- 2) People elect their leaders to govern the nation through the process of elections.

4) What was the suffrage movement? What did it accomplish?

Answer: Suffrage means the right to vote. Earlier, women and the poor in the USA did not have the right to vote. They fought for their rights, and this movement gathered



strength during the First World War. Finally, they succeeded in the USA in 1920 and in the UK in 1928.

- 5) Gandhiji strongly believed that every adult in India should be given the right to vote. However, a few people don't share his views. They feel that illiterate people, who are mainly poor, should not be given the right to vote. What do you think? Do you think this would be a form of discrimination? Give five points to support your view and share these with the class.

Answer:

- 1) In all democracies, the poor and the illiterate have the right to vote.
- 2) The Constitution of India says that all citizens are equal.
- 3) Elected Government works for all citizens, not just for the literate and rich people.
- 4) The minority should not decide the fate of the majority.
- 5) It is not a crime to be poor. Hence, they should be given the right to vote.

