

UNIVERSAL CONVENT SR. SEC. SCHOOL, KLD.CLASS-VIII SOCIAL SCIENCE [SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE]CHAPTER-1 THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

→ ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What is a constitution?

Ans. Constitution can be described as a document outlining the basic laws or principles by which a country is to be governed.

2. Mention the key features of the Indian Constitution.

Ans. The key features of the Indian Constitution are:

- (i) Federalism
- (ii) Parliamentary form of government
- (iii) Separation of powers
- (iv) Fundamental Rights
- (v) Secularism.

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3. What is universal adult franchise?

Ans. It means that every adult citizen have a right to vote irrespective of sex, caste, creed, education and financial status.

4. What do you mean by the legislature?

Ans. Legislature refers to our elected representatives.

5. What do you mean by the executive?

Ans. The executive is a smaller group of people who are responsible for implementing laws and running the government.

6. What is Judiciary?

Ans. The Judiciary refers to the system

of courts in our country.

7. What are the key components of fundamental rights?

Ans. The key components of fundamental rights are:

- (i) Right to Equality
- (ii) Right to Freedom
- (iii) Right against exploitation
- (iv) Right to freedom of religion
- (v) Cultural and Educational Rights
- (vi) Right to constitutional Remedies.

8. What is secularism?

Ans. Secularism is the right of the citizens to practice any religion.

9. Why does a democratic country need a constitution?

Ans. There are various reasons why a democratic country needs a constitution:

1. The basic ideals on the basis of which we as citizens aspire to live in our country are mentioned in the constitution.
 2. It tells the fundamental nature of society.
 3. To define the nature of the political system of the Country.
 4. It states a set of rules based on which people belonging to different religions and communities are peacefully co-exist with each other.
10. What would happen if there were no restrictions on the power of elected representatives?

Ans. If there were no restrictions

on the power of elected representatives, the leaders might misuse their authority and use it for wrong purposes.
