

Q1. Why are Human Rights essential? Why is 10th December celebrated as Human Rights Day?

Ans: Human rights are fundamental Rights that every human being needs to live with dignity, Justice, Honour and Peace. Human rights are essential because human life can be made happy and comfortable if these rights are granted to all equally. Human rights are also important for the development of personality and for the maintenance of world peace.

December 10th, 1948 is an important day in the history of the UN as on this day the charter of Human Rights was given approval by the General Assembly of the UN. Therefore, 10th December is celebrated as the Human Rights day every year all over the world.

Q2. Describe how arms race is a waste of resources.

Ans: Arms race is definitely a waste of resources as:-

1. A large sum is spent on armaments, as a result the basic and fundamental needs of the people cannot be met.
2. Scientists devote their skill to develop new weapons etc. otherwise they could use their skills for the betterment and welfare of the humanity.
3. Huge Money is being spent on arms race, but a little amount is being spent on education, treating diseases etc.

Q3. Disparities between the developed countries and the developing countries.

Ans: Nearly two third i.e. 70% of the population of the world lives in the developing countries. The average income of an individual in the developed countries is US\$6500 and that of the developing countries is only US\$80 only. The developing countries suffer from problems of poverty, hunger, malnutrition, illiteracy, and unemployment. The populations of these countries are not able to fulfil the basic necessities of life such as food, shelter, clothing and education.

The developed countries have mass literacy and a high economic production. These are highly industrialized and the standard of living is very high.

Q4. What do you mean by child labour? What are its causes?

Ans: Child labour refers to the employment of children at regular and sustained labour. Child labour exploits the under age children in many forms forcing them to work illegally which abuses them. This abuse may be Physical, mental or sexual, depriving the children of their right of basic education and stunting their physical growth.

Causes of Child Labour: Some of the important causes of child labour are:

- 1) Poverty
- 2) Inadequate school facilities
- 3) Family size
- 4) Cruel employers

Q5. What are the negative effects of population explosion?

Ans:

- 1) Population explosion leads to scarcity of food, shelter and employment.
- 2) It leads to poverty.
- 3) It leads to deprivation of education.
- 4) It leads to internal migration to urban areas and rapid growth of cities and towns.

Q6. Define the following terms.

- a. Nuclear arms race b. Terrorism c. Poverty

a) Nuclear Arms Race:

After the 2nd World War the developed countries started to prepare and stock pile nuclear arsenal which led to the Nuclear Arms Race. The nuclear arsenal is dangerous and it can lead to vast death and destruction. The problem is getting compounded by the jumping of the developing countries in to the fray.

- b) **Terrorism:** The word terror has been derived from word 'Terrere' meaning to frighten. Terrorism is an organized violence against governments, men, women, children etc. to attain certain objectives. It is an act of violence aimed at causing terror and panic among people. Terrorism has no sanction in religion, morality and international law. Terrorism has become an international problem.
- c) **Poverty:** Poverty is inability to acquire the minimum basic needs for a decent human existence like food, clothing, shelter, education, and phenomenon. The problem of poverty is widespread in India.

Q7. Fill in the blanks:

1. World Human Rights
2. Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
3. April, 2010
4. India
5. America, World
6. 2005
7. Peace
8. Ultraviolet Radiations
9. 1992

Extra Questions:

Q1. What do you mean by National Income and per Capital Income?

Ans: National income is the total income of a country in terms of goods and services produced in a year. Per Capita income means the national income divided by the total number of people of a country.

Q2. What are the causes of poverty in India?

Ans: There are three main causes of poverty in our country:

- a) Inadequate economic growth,
- b) Lack of education and skills and,
- c) Overpopulation.

Q3. What is RTI act?

Ans: It is a right which provides ordinary citizens of the country access to information from public authorities.

Q4. What rights does the Universal Declaration of rights cover?

Ans: It covers Civil Rights; Political rights, economic rights cultural rights; and social rights of the citizens of the world.

Q5. What is the present population of the world?

Ans: The present population of the world is 6.5 billion.