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Ans. Dr, B. R Ambedkar said that the political democracy had to be accompanied by economic and social democracy. He felt that giving all the people right to vote does not make them equal socially or economically. He stressed that abolition of casteism, disparity between rich and poor and the progress of poor must be the priority of the government of India to be a truly democratic country.

Q.No.4. Give one reason why English continued to be used in India after independence?

Ans. After independence, some leader's believed that English should be abolished while hindi should be promoted as the national language. But this idea was opposed by the leaders from non – hindi speaking areas. Finally it was decided that while hindi would be the official language, english would be used for communication among various states.

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