

EXERCISE

GENERAL TERMS

1. **MINORITIES** : small groups that are different from the majority community in language, religion, race, etc.
2. **GHETTOS**: pockets in urban areas that are inhabited mostly by members of a minority community
3. **ADIVASIS** : tribals; the most ancient inhabitants of India
4. **SHIFTING CULTIVATION** : a mode of cultivation in which forest land is cleared, cultivated and then left to be regenerated by natural processes
5. **DALITS** : the lowest castes in the caste hierarchy; considered untouchable
6. **SLAVE LABOUR** : work without wages
7. **VICIOUS CIRCLE** : an interconnected sequence of cause and effect
8. **MAINSTREAM** : influential or generally accepted group, view, fashion, etc.

Q.1 STATE TRUE OR FALSE

1. State governments often do not check or allow the violation of laws framed for the protection of the marginalised communities.
2. The literacy rate among Muslims is lower than the national average.
3. Any member of the SCs/STs can qualify for seats / jobs reserved for these categories irrespective of qualifications.
4. All minority groups are marginalised.

5. The posting of a large number of armed forces personnel has worsened the lot of the tribals in the northeast.

Q.2 FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The Committee was set up to report on the status of Muslims.
2. Article prohibits the practice of untouchability.
3. The Commission proposed the reservation of 27% of seats and jobs for OBCs.

Q.3 CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. The most ancient inhabitants of our country
(A) Adivasis (B) Sikhs
(C) Dalits (D) Harijans
2. The Constitution forbids the practice of untouchability in -
(A) Article 16 (B) Article 17
(C) Article 18 (D) Article 19
3. The government reserves seats for the STs and SCs in educational institutions
(A) to bring them at par with the rest of the country
(B) so that other communities cannot compete with them
(C) to give them job opportunities
(D) to promote education among them

4. The Sachar Committee recommended reservation for
(A) Scheduled Castes (B) Scheduled Tribes
(C) Muslims (D) Christians
3. What do you understand by the 'vicious circle of marginalisation' ?
4. How have the Adivasis become marginalised?

Q.4 ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Who are the marginalised in a society ?
2. What is shifting cultivation ?