



POLITICAL SCIENCE

BOOKS - FULL MARKS POLITICAL SCIENCE (HINGLISH)

EQUALITY

Ncert Textbook Questions With Answers

1. Some people argue that inequality is natural while others maintain that it is equality which is natural and the inequalities which we notice around us are created by the society. Which view do you support? Give reasons.



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2. There is a view that absolute economic equality is neither possible nor desirable. It is argued that the most a society can do is to try and reduce

the gaps between the richest and the poorest members of society. Do you agree?

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3. Match the following concepts with appropriate instances :

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| (a) Affirmative action | (i) Every adult citizen has a right to vote |
| (b) Equality of opportunity | (ii) Banks offer higher rate of interest to rich |
| (c) Equal Rights | (iii) Every child should get free education |

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4. A government report on farmers' problems says that small and marginal farmers cannot get good prices from the market. It recommends that the government should intervene to ensure a better price but only for small and marginal farmers. Is this recommendation consistent with the principle of equality?

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5. Which of the following violates the principles of equality? And why?

- (a) Every child in the class will read the text of the play by turn.
- (b) The Government of Canada encouraged white Europeans to migrate to Canada from the end of the Second World War till 1960.
- (c) There is a separate railway reservation counter for the senior citizens.
- (d) Access to some forest areas is reserved for certain tribal communities.



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6. Here are some arguments in favour of the right to vote for women.

Which of these are consistent with the idea of equality? Give reasons.

- (a) Women are our mothers. We shall not disrespect our mothers by denying them the right to vote.
- (b) Decisions of the government affect women as well as men, therefore, they also should have a say in choosing the rulers.
- (c) Not granting women the right to vote will cause disharmony in the family.
- (d) Women constitute half of humanity. You cannot subjugate them for long time by denying them the right to vote.



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Additional Questions With Answers | Very Short Answer Type Questions

1. Equality is a powerful moral and ideal that has inspired and guided human society for many centuries.



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2. The demand for equality was also raised during anti-colonial liberation struggles in Asia and Africa during the century.



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3. Identify the country.

In the eighteenth century, the revolutionaries used the slogan 'Liberty,

Equality and Fraternity' to revolt against the landed feudal aristocracy and the monarchy.

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4. Identify the country.

With 25 per cent of the world's population, owns 86 per cent of the world's industry, and consumes 80 per cent of the world's energy.

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5. Identify the country.

The risk of dying from pregnancy related causes is 1 to 18.

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6. Select the correct option.

The risk of dying from pregnancy related causes is 1 to in Canada.

A. 8700

B. 2800

C. 5500

D. 1000

Answer: a



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7. Select the correct option.

The industrial countries of the first world account for nearly of the global emissions of carbon dioxide from the combustion of fossil fuels.

A. one-thirds

B. two-thirds

C. one-fourth

D. two-fifth

Answer: b



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8. Select the correct option.

The industrial countries account for three-quarters of emissions of sulphur and nitrogen oxide that cause acid rain.

- A. one-fourth
- B. two-thirds
- C. three-fourth
- D. two-fifth

Answer: c



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9. Correct and rewrite the statement. The concept of equality implies that all people, as human beings, are entitled to the different rights and opportunities to develop their skills and talents, and to pursue others goals and ambitions.



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10. Correct and rewrite the statement.

Feminism is a political doctrine of equal rights for women only.



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11. Correct and rewrite the statement.

According to feminists, inequality between men and women in society is the result of matriarchy.



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12. Identify the famous physicist who can hardly move or speak but he has made major contributions to science.



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13. Identify the caste/community having least number of graduates per thousand in India .



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14. Identify the nineteenth century thinker who argued that the root cause of entrenched inequality was private ownership of important economic resources such as oil, or land, or forests, as well as other forms of property.



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15. What is equality?



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16. Mention the attitude of colonial masters about black people during twentieth century.



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17. Mention the attitude towards woman in orthodox India before independence.



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18. What is 'Feminism'?



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19. What is a political ideal of equality?

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1. What is political equality?

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2. What is slave trade?

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3. "Natural needs no longer can be seen as unalterable". Justify the statement.

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4. How can the concept of equality be argued?



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5. What is equality before law?



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6. What is the difference between equality and uniformity?



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7. Mention different kinds of equality.



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1. What are the main features of equality?

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2. Mention political dimensions of equality.

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3. "Social inequalities can be minimised by an affirmative action". Analyse the statement.

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4. What are positive and negative aspects of equality?

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5. You are a social activist. Being in that position suggest any four views to the problems regarding equal opportunities in the society. Support your answer with appropriate arguments.



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Additional Questions With Answers Iv Long Answer Type Questions Passage Based Questions

1. Read the passage (NCERT Textbook, page 49) given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

While reflecting on the issue of equality, a distinction must also be made between treating everyone in an identical manner and treating everyone as equals. The latter may on occasions need differential treatment but in all such cases the primary consideration is to promote equality. Differential or special treatment may be considered to realise the goal of equality but it requires justification and careful reflection. Since differential treatment for different communities was part and parcel of

the caste system and practices like apartheid, liberals are usually very wary of deviations from the norm of identical treatment.

(a) What distinction should be made while reflecting on the issues of equality?

(b) What would be the prime consideration to treat everyone equal?

(c) What does special treatment require?



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2. Read the passage (NCERT Textbook, page 50) given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Many of these issues relating to the pursuit of equality have been raised by the women's movement. In the nineteenth century women struggled for equal rights. They demanded, for instance, the right to vote, the right to receive degrees in colleges and universities and the right to work - that is, the same rights as the men in their society. However, as they entered the job market they realised that women required special facilities in order to exercise these rights. For instance, they required some provision for maternity leave and crèches in the workplace. Without special

considerations of this kind they could not seriously compete for jobs or enjoy a successful professional and personal life. They needed, in other words, sometimes to be treated differently if they are to enjoy the same rights as men.

(a) Why have women's movements been raised?

(b) What were the main demands of women's movement?

(c) What can be done for women to compete for jobs?



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3. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

"We have already noted some of the basic differences among the socialists and the liberals on the most desirable way of achieving the goal of equality. While the relative merits and limitations of each of these points of view are being debated the world over, we still need to consider what principles and policies might be considered necessary for pursuing equality. Specifically, we need to consider if the use of affirmative action is justified for purposes of bringing about equality. This issue has raised a

lot of controversy in recent years."

(a) How are the policies of affirmative action designed ?

(b) Why there was need to establish formal equality ?



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1. "Political liberty cannot be imagined without economic liberty." Analyse.



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2. What is the relationship between liberty and equality?



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