

## Short Answer Questions

**Q. 1. How can you say that most countries of the world are multi-cultural?**

**Ans.** Social divisions of one kind or the other exist in most of the countries. It doesn't matter whether the country is small or big.

India is a vast country with many communities. Belgium is a small country with many communities.

Even countries like Germany and Sweden, which were highly homogenous, are undergoing rapid change with the influx or coming of people from other countries.

Migrants bring with them their own culture and tend to form a different social community. So most of the countries in the world are multi-cultural.

**Q. 2. What problem was raised by Smith and Carlos of USA? With what gesture did they bring international attention to the social problems in USA?**

**Ans.** Receiving their gold and bronze medals, respectively; the American athletes wore black socks and no shoes to represent Black poverty. With this gesture, they tried to draw international attention to the prevailing racial discrimination in the United States. The black-gloved and raised clenched fists were meant to symbolise Black Power.

**Q. 3. How did their actions prove successful?**

**Ans.** Their action succeeded in gaining international attention for the Civil Rights Movement in the US.

Recently, the San Jose (Pronounced as 'Saan Hoze') University, of which they were former students, honoured them and installed their statues in the University campus.

**Q. 4. What was the result of this kind of protest in an Olympic game?**

**Ans.** The International Olympic Association held Carlos and Smith guilty of violating the Olympic spirit by making a political statement.

Their medals were taken back. Back home, they were subjected to a lot of criticism.

Silver medalist, Norman from Australia, also suffered for his support and was not included in the Australian team for the next Olympics.

**Q. 5. On what basis are social differences created?**

**Ans. (i)** Based on accident of birth:

**(a)** Normally, we don't choose to belong to one community. We belong to it simply because we were born into it.

**(b)** We all experience social differences based on accident of birth in our everyday lives.

(ii) Based on physical abilities or disabilities:

(a) There is discrimination based on gender; some are tall or short, have different kinds of complexions or have different physical abilities or disabilities.

(b) All kinds of social differences are not based on accident of birth.

(iii) **Differences based on choices:**

(a) Some people are atheists, they do not believe in God or any religion.

(b) While some people choose to follow a religion other than the one in which they were born into.

(c) Most of us choose what to study, which occupation to take up and which games or cultural activities to take part in.

All these lead to the formation of social groups that are based on our choices.

**Q. 6. What do you know about 'Civil Rights Movement' in the USA?**

**Ans.** It refers to a set of events and reform movements aimed at abolishing legal racial discrimination against Afro-Americans. It was led by Martin Luther King Jr. This movement practised nonviolent methods of civil disobedience against racial discriminatory laws and practices. In the Mexico Olympics of 1968, US athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos tried to draw international attention to racial discrimination in the US by wearing black gloves to represent black power.

**Q. 7. Give any three reasons to prove that Dalits were depressed in India.**

**Ans. (i)** Dalits were poor and landless.

(ii) They often worked for wages and sometimes faced social humiliation in their work.

(iii) They were called 'shudras' during ancient times. They were generally involved in menial tasks like that of sweepers and cleaners.

**Q. 8. Write short notes on the following terms:**

**Homogeneous Society**

**Migrants**

**Ans. Homogeneous Society:** A society that has similar kinds of people, especially where there are no significant ethnic differences.

**Migrant:** Anybody who shifts from one region or country to another region within a country or to another country, usually for work or other economic opportunities.

**Q. 9. What was black power movement?**

**Ans.** African-American', 'Afro-American', 'Black American' or 'Black' are the terms used to refer mainly to the descendants of Africans who were brought into America as slaves

between the 17th and early 19th century. The Black Power Movement emerged in 1966 and lasted till 1975, which was a militant anti-racist movement, advocating even violence, if necessary, to end racism in the US.