# **Understanding Secularism**

Question 1.

Who were persecuted in Hitler's Germany?

- (a) Jews
- (b) Christian
- (c) Muslims
- (d) Hindus

## ▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Jews

Question 2. What is referred to as the separation of religion from the State? (a) Diversity (b) Fraternity (c) Secularism (d) Discrimination

### ▼ Answer

Answer: (c) Secularism

Question 3.

Which community in Indian society cannot be forced to wear Helmet as they wear Turban.

- (a) Muslims
- (b) Buddhist
- (c) Christians
- (d) Sikhs

## ▼ Answer

Answer: (d) Sikhs

Question 4.

In which country most children in the government schools have to begin their school day reciting 'Pledge of Allegiance'?

- (a) France
- (b) India
- (c) UK
- (d) USA
- ▼ Answer

Answer: (d) USA

### Question 5.

In which year and month France passed a law which banned wearing any conspicuous religious or political signs.

(a) In Feb 2004

(b) In Feb 2005

- (c) In Mar 2006
- (d) In Jan 2008

### ▼ Answer

Answer: (a) In Feb 2004

Question 6.

In February 2004, which country has prohibited the wearing of conspicuous religious or political signs by the students?

- (a) France
- (b) India
- (c) America
- (d) None of these

### ▼ Answer

Answer: (a) France

In the year 2004, France prohibited the students from wearing of conspicuous religious or political signs. The bill was passed by France's national legislature and was signed into law by President Jacques Chirac on 15 March 2004.

Question 7.

What is the status of U.S legislature in the matters of the religion?

- (a) Prohibit making new gender law
- (b) Prohibit making new reservation law
- (c) Prohibit making new religion law
- (d) None of these

## ▼ Answer

Answer: (c) Prohibit making new religion law

The First constitutional amendment of the U.S. Constitution prohibits the legislature from making any law in respect of the religion.

Question 8.

What was the names of the Muslim dominant former French colonies.

- (a) Tunisia
- (b) Morocco
- (c) Algeria
- (d) All of these

Answer

#### Answer: (d) All of these

Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria were the name of the Muslim dominant former French colonies. In the 1960s, France had faced a shortage of workers and, therefore, had provided visas for these immigrants to come and work in the country.

Question 9.

What was the names of two non-secular countries?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) Israel
- (c) Both a and b
- (d) None of these

### ▼ Answer

Answer: (c) Both a and b

The Jewish state of Israel treats its own Muslim and Christian minorities quite badly. In Saudi Arabia, non-Muslims are not allowed to build a temple, church etc., and nor can they gather in a public place for prayers.

Question 10.

Which one of the following is a fundamental right?(a) Right to freedom of religion(b) Right to property(c) Right to work

(d) All of these

### ▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Right to freedom of religion Right to freedom of religion is a fundamental right.

Write true (T) or false (F)

1. Indian Constitution uses strategy of distancing State from religion.

▼ Answer

Answer: True

2. Indian Constitution mandated that the Indian States be secular.

Answer

Answer: True

3. Sikhs are not allowed wear the Turbans in India.

Answer

#### Answer: False

4. Government schools in India cannot promote any one religion either in the morning prayers or through religious celebration.

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: True

5. In the U.S.A the separation between State and religion means that neither the State nor religion can interfere in the affairs of one another.

#### ▼ Answer

Answer: True

#### Match the following

1.

Column-I	Column-II
<ol> <li>Ban on wearing of any religious or political sign</li> </ol>	(a) U.S.A government schools
2. 'Pledge of Allegiance'	(b) Coercion
3. To force someone to do something.	(c) U.S Constitution
<ol> <li>State effort of influence in a particular matter.</li> </ol>	(d) France
<ol> <li>Prohibition on Legislature making laws "Respecting an establishment of Religion".</li> </ol>	(e) Intervene

### Answer

## Answer:

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#### Fill in the blanks

1. Indian State is ...... and works in various way to prevent religious

▼ Answer

Answer: Secular, domination

2. The Indian Constitution grants the right to religious ...... to set up their own schools and colleges.

▼ Answer

Answer: Communities

3. Indian Secularism works to prevent the domination through a strategy of .....

▼ Answer

Answer: Intervention

4. ..... refers to the separation of religion from the State.

Answer

Answer: Secularism

5. The majority could quite easily prevent ..... from practising their

Answer

Answer: Minorities, religion

**Picture Based Questions** 



1. What was the question asked by Rekha from her teacher of the government school?

2. In which area is the above government school is situated?

3. What was the explanation given by sir when he said no for the celebration of festival in government school?

## ▼ Answer

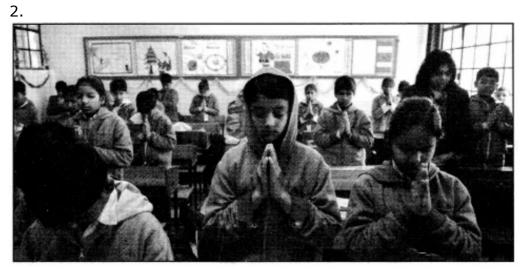
Answer:

1. She asked that "there is a big religious festival next month. We've never celebrated it in school can we do it this year".

2. Seemapur.

3. According to him, government schools cannot give importance to any one religion private school may do that but govt, schools don't celebrate any religious festivals in the school premises.

1.



- 1. Which words does the 'Pledge of Allegiance' includes.
- 2. What does the above picture shows.

### ▼ Answer

Answer:

1. This pledge includes the words "under God".

2. The picture shows about the students taking the "Pledge of Allegiance' in a govt, school in the USA  $% \left( \mathcal{A}^{\prime}\right) =0$