

Short Answer Questions

Q. 1. Mention the two reasons why the separation between religion and state is important.

Ans. The two reasons why the separation between religion and state is important are as follows:

- (i) To prevent the domination of one religion over another religion.
- (ii) To protect the freedom of individuals to come out of their religion and freedom to interpret religious teachings differently.

Q. 2. How is secularism practised in India?

Ans. According to the Indian constitution, India is a secular country which means there is no official religion. One religious community does not dominate another, nor the state enforces its people to follow any particular religion.

Q. 3. What is 'Indian secularism'?

Ans. The Indian constitution mandates that the Indian state be secular. It has the following objectives:

- (i) One religious community does not dominate another.
- (ii) Some members do not dominate other members of the same religious community.
- (iii) The state does not enforce any particular religion nor it takes away the religious freedom of individuals.

Q. 4. Indian secularism is different from American secularism. Give one reason.

Ans. Unlike the strict separation between religion and the state in American secularism, in Indian secularism, the state can intervene in religious affairs.