

Chapter – 15

Framing the Constitution

1 Marks Questions

Q1. When was the Indian constitution framed?

Ans. The Indian constitution was framed in between December 1946 to November 1949.

Q2. What was the Instrument of accession?

Ans. Princely states acceded to India by signing an instrument of accession.

Q3. Why did Mahatma Gandhi think Hindustani should be the national language?

Ans. Mahatma Gandhi felt that Hindusthani was a language that the common people could easily understand.

Q4. What is the importance of the preamble to the Indian constitution?

Ans. It states the nature of the Indian state which is sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic and republic.

Q5. What are the recommendations of the Constituent Assembly of India regarding the protection of depressed castes?

Ans. DR. Ambedkar demanded separate constituencies for the depressed classes.

Q6. What was the ideals expressed in the Objectives Resolutions?

Ans. India was declared as independent sovereign republic.

Q7. Who thought Hindusthani should be the national language?

Ans. Mahatma Gandhi

Q8. What are the ideals of the objective Resolution presented by Jawaharlal Nehru?

Ans.

- India as sovereign republic.
- Justice, equality and fraternity.
- Safeguards to minorities.
- Democracy, socialism, peace, human welfare.

Q9. Write the significance of Indian constitution.

Ans.

- Largest Democracy.
- Secular nation.
- Fundamental rights to all citizens.

Q10. Why was constituent assembly constituted?

Ans. Constituent assembly was formed to draft the Indian constitution. It had 300 members.

3 Marks Questions

Q11. Why did Mahatma Gandhi believe that Hindustani should be the official language of India?

Ans.

- Because, it was the language of common people.
- Most of the regional language of India was very close to the Hindustani.
- It was a combination of sensitized Hindi and Persianised Urdu.
- It was a multi-cultural language.

Q12. Why was Govind Ballabh Pant against the separate electorate?

Ans.

- Because this will isolate the minorities from the rest of the community.
- Majorities will never convert to majority.
- He was against the divide loyalties.

Q13. Give some arguments in favor of a strong center.

Ans.

- For peace, law and order.
- Strong position of country in the international sphere.
- To stop communal powers and terrorism.
- National Security.

Q14. What is the significance or importance of the preamble to the Indian constitution?

Ans. The preamble of the Indian constitution is significant in the following ways:-

- It indicates the sources from which the constitution springs i.e. 'we the people of India.'
- It states the nature of the Indian state which is sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic and republic.
- It states the basic objectives which the Government must strive for.
- The preamble is also helpful in the interpretation of the constitution.

Q15. How was the centre made more powerful and strong by the constituent Assembly?

Ans. Most of the members of the constituent assembly were in favour of strong central government for India. Even Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru wanted a strong centre as he felt. Writing a letter to the president of the constituent assembly, that "it would be injurious to the interests of the country to provide for a weak central authority" He was, in fact, convinced that only a strong central government could ensure peace and stability. The following points make it clear that several attempts were made the centre more strong and powerful;

- The Union list contained more subjects than the state list.
- Regarding the concurrent list, the centre and the state shared responsibility. But in case of any disputes centre's decision is recommended.

Q16. Examine the recommendations of the constituent Assembly of India regarding the protection to be given to the depressed castes.

Ans. During the freedom struggle Dr. Ambedkar demanded separate constituencies for the depressed classes. Mahatma Gandhi opposed it by saying that it will segregate them from the mainstream of the society. The issue was much debated in the constituent Assembly. At last the constituent Assembly suggested the following.

- Untouchability will be eradicated,

- The Hindu temples will be opened to people belonging to all castes.
- Seats will be reserved for backward classes in the Assemblies and Educational Institutions.