

6. Social Justice and the Marginalised Groups

Worksheet 1

A Complete the following sentences:

1. Adivasi is a word derived from Sanskrit meaning _____, traditionally living in _____, _____ and _____.
2. Public health services in villages are not very effective because _____ refuse to _____ in _____.
3. The Mandal Commission recommended _____ of government jobs to be _____ for the socially and economically _____.
4. One of the worst forms of _____ and _____ is untouchability and the people who are treated as outcasts are called _____.
5. The law states that any offence against backward people is _____.
6. The Bhopal gas tragedy occurred because the _____ that leaked from the _____ factory on the early morning of _____.

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1. What are the two things the Directive Principles of State Policy states about child labour?
2. What was prohibited by the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines [Prohibition] Act of 1993?
3. What was the purpose of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955?

ANSWERS TO WORKSHEET 1



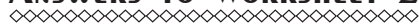
- A. 1. 'original inhabitant'; hills; forests; dry plateau regions 2. doctors; serve; rural areas
3. 27%; reserved; backward classes 4. discrimination; exploitation; Dalits
5. punishable by law 6. toxic/poisonous gas; Union Carbide pesticide; 3rd December 1984
- B. 1. The Directive Principles of State Policy states that children below 14 should not be made work in factories and they should be provided free and compulsory education.
2. The Act prohibited the use of manual scavengers; discontinued the use of dry latrines; and laid stress on the construction of water-seat latrines.
3. The Protection of Civil Rights Act 1955 and other Acts that followed aimed at ensuring the dignity of labourers and stated that any offence against backward people is punishable by law.

Worksheet 2

A How will you react in the following situations?

1. A municipal sweeper is injured outside your house. What will you do to help him?
2. Your aunt has a twelve-year-old boy to clean her car. What will you tell her?
3. The maid in your house has a five-year-old girl who cannot go to school. What will you do to help?
4. A small girl comes begging at a street crossing. What will you do?

ANSWERS TO WORKSHEET 2



- A. Any reasonable answers are acceptable. For example:
1. I will clean his wound and bandage it or ask my parents to help him or take him to the nearest doctor/hospital.
 2. I will tell my aunt that she is doing something illegal and unkind. Either she should get someone older to clean her car, or do it herself.
 3. I will try to teach the little girl myself—drawing, singing, reading and writing.
 4. I will give her a fruit or a toffee if I have one, but not money because I don't wish to encourage begging.