

Chapter – 4

Gender, Religion and Caste

(Assertion and Reason Questions)

Mark the option which is most suitable :

- (a)** If both assertion and reason are true and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.
- (b)** If both assertion and reason are true but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.
- (c)** If assertion is true but reason is false.
- (d)** If both assertion and reason are false.

Q.1. Assertion (A) : Sex-selective abortion led to decline of sex ratio in India.

Reason (R) : Desire of for a male child makes Indian families abort girl.

Q.2. Assertion (A) : Universal Adult Franchise gives right to vote to everyone.

Reason (R) : Right to vote should be given to people of upper caste and class for taking wise decision.

Q.3. Assertion (A) : Stereotypical gender roles for males and females helps in avoiding conflicts.

Reason (R) : India is a matriarchal society.

Q.4. Assertion (A) : Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, provides that equal wages should be paid for equal work,irrespective of gender and caste.

Reason (R) : Women are physically weak so they are righteously paid less than men.

Q.5. Assertion (A) : Communal ism is based on the idea that religion is the principal basis of social community.

Reason (R) : Caste should be kept away from politics.

Q.6. Assertion (A) : Women face discrimination and disadvantage in India in many ways.

Reason (R) : India is a patriarchal society.

Q.7. Assertion (A) : A casteist is a person who thinks that caste is the principal basis of community.

Reason (R) : All castes are equal and man-made.

Q.8. Assertion (A) : India is a secular state.

Reason (R) : Constitution gives freedom to everyone to profess, practice and propagate any religion without prejudices or any discrimination.

Q.9. Assertion (A) : Sometimes a caste group becomes vote bank for a party.

Reason (R) : Selecting the candidate from same caste helps in ensuring better governance.

Q.10. Assertion (A) : Men and women should be given equal rights.

Reason (R) : Men are superior to women physically and emotionally.

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ANSWER KEY

Q.1 : (a) Sex-selective abortion led to decline of sex ratio in India. Indian parents want to have son and want ways to abort girl child. However, sex-selective abortion is immoral and legally banned in India. The reason thus explains the assertion.

Q.2 : (c) Universal Adult Franchise gives right to vote to everyone irrespective of caste, religion, colour or gender. It is based on the principle of equality. Right to vote should be given to everyone because that is the whole essence of a democracy, equal representation. Class cannot determine wisdom.

Q.3 : (d) Stereotypical gender roles where females are expected to do household work and males are expected to earn living is unjustifiable. The female should also

get equal rights as the male. Also, India is a patriarchal society, Men are in authority over women in different aspects of society.

Q.4 : (c) Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, provides that equal wages should be paid for equal work. However, women are considered to be inferior to men and that is why, they are paid less. However, this belief is not correct and should not be justified. Thus, unequal payment should not be advocated. This belief is unjustifiable as both are equal.

Q.5 : (b) Communalism is based on the idea that religion is the principal basis of social community. It considers that people of different religion can't be equal citizen and one should dominate the other. Caste creates social conflicts and should be kept away from politics as it leads to violence. The reason, however true, does not explain the assertion.

Q.6 : (a) India is a patriarchal society where men are considered superior to women. Hence, women face discrimination and disadvantage in India in many ways. Yet, it is not justifiable. The reason explains the assertion.

Q.7 : (c) A casteist is a person who thinks that caste is the principal basis of community. However, such a belief is faulty as everyone is equal and no caste is superior to other. Thus, both reason & assertion are true but the reason does not explain the assertion.

Q.8 : (a) India is a secular state. The Constitution gives freedom to everyone to profess, practice and propagate any religion. There is no official religion of India. The reason explains the assertion.

Q.9 : (c) Sometimes a caste group becomes vote bank for a party as people select the candidate belonging to their own caste. This helps in representing and communicating their personal interests on a wider front. However, it is wrong to select a candidate on the basis of caste instead of personal abilities. Thus the assertion is true, -the reason is false.

Q.10 : (c) Men and women should be given equal rights as both are equal is every respect. Thus the reason is false.