15.9 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to Q No. 1 : Communalism is often understood as an ideology which states that the society is divided into religious communities whose interests differ and are, at times, even opposed to each other. It is a kind of antagonism found between the religious communities. According to Ram Ahuja, "The antagonism practised by the members of one community against the people of other community and religion can be termed as communalism."

Ans to Q No. 2 : The regional parties encourages regionalism by exploiting the regional feelings of people. This cements the base for regionalism. This is a strategy adopted by the political parties to gain support and to increase their votes.

Ans to Q No. 3 : Ethnicity is considered to be shared characteristics such as culture, language, religion, and traditions, which contribute to a person or group's identity.

Ans to Q No. 4 : Few examples of communal riot that took place in India are: Babri Masjid demolition in Ayodhya(1992) that took place between the Hindus and the Muslims, the Assam communal violence (2012) that took palce between the Bodos and the Muslims, Muzaffarnagar ethnic violence(2013) that took place between the Jat and the Muslim community.

Ans to Q No. 5 : Riots can be an outcome of multiculturalism because it becomes difficult at times to create harmony in a society where too many opinions exist. This results in hatred and killings.

15.10 MODEL QUESTIONS

A) Short Questions (Answer each question in about 150 words)

Q1 : What are the causes of Communalism?

Q2 : Is it good to live in a multi-cultural society? Support your answer with reasons.

B) Long Questions (Answer each question in about 300-500 words)

Q1 : How do you think Ethnicity is disrupting national unity?

Q2 : What are the remedial measures to do away with Regionalism?

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