

**SAINIK SCHOOL GOPALGANJ**  
**SUB: SOCIAL SCIENCE**  
**CLASS-VIII**

**PART D: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE-III**

**Understanding Secularism**

**Multiple Choice Questions:** From Serial 1 to 20 are multiple choice questions. Given below are four options against each question. Choose the option as your answer which you consider the most appropriate:

1. Which festival can be celebrated in government offices in India?  
(a) Eid (b) Diwali  
(c) Christmas (d) Independence Day
2. Name the nation in which several millions jews were killed?  
(a) Germany (b) Poland  
(c) Belgium (d) Spain
3. What are the names of two non-secular countries?  
(a) Saudi Arabia (b) Israel  
(c) Both (a) and (b) (d) None of these
4. Explain the meaning of coercion.  
(a) Force by legal authority (b) Force by parents  
(c) Force by Law (d) None of these
5. What was the names of the Muslim dominant former French colonies.  
(a) Tunisia (b) Morocco  
(c) Algeria (d) All of these
6. What was the reason behind abolition of the evil practice of untouchability?  
(a) To end the Muslims in India  
(b) To end the discrimination  
(c) To end the poverty  
(d) None of these
7. What is the status of U.S legislature in the matters of the religion?  
(a) Prohibit making new gender law  
(b) Prohibit making new reservation law

- (c) Prohibit making new religion law  
(d) None of these
8. From where did immigrants come to France in 1960's
- (a) Algeria (b) Tunisia  
(c) Morocco (d) All of the above
9. In February 2004, which country has prohibited the wearing of conspicuous religious or political signs by the students?
- (a) France (b) India  
(c) America (d) None of these
10. Which country didn't allow non-Muslims to build their worship places?
- (a) India (b) Saudi Arabia  
(c) Pakistan (d) None of these
11. Name the Jewish state that treats its own Muslim and Christian minorities quite badly
- (a) France (b) Israel  
(c) Austria (d) Iran
12. The freedom of religion is covered under which of the following concepts:
- (a) Socialism (b) Democracy  
(c) Sovereignty (d) Secularism
13. The community that is allowed to wear pagri (turban) in place of helmet is
- (a) Parsi (b) Muslim  
(c) Sikh (d) Christian
14. The term 'secular' was added to the Indian Constitution by
- (a) 42<sup>nd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976  
(b) 43<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1977  
(c) 44<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1978  
(d) 52<sup>nd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1985
15. Communalism is opposed to
- (a) Secular credential (b) ethnic conflict  
(c) friendship between classes (d) All of the above
16. A person who thinks that religion is the principal basis of community is called

- (a) a casteist
- (b) a secularist
- (c) a feminist
- (d) a communalist

17. Which one of the following is not true about India

- (a) Hinduism is the official religion of the Indian state.
- (b) There cannot be any discrimination on the basis of religion.
- (c) Women enjoy equal rights.
- (d) Untouchability has been declared illegal.

18. Which one of the following is a big challenge to Indian Democracy?

- (a) Communalism
- (b) Feminism
- (c) Secularism
- (d) None of these

19. What is the true meaning of "Secular"?

- (a) All religions are equal in the eyes of the government
- (b) Special importance to a religion related to minorities
- (c) One religion is promoted by the government
- (d) None of the following

20. Which nation was the first nation to expressly identify itself as a secular state in the 18<sup>th</sup> century ?

- (a) USA
- (b) Britain
- (c) India
- (d) None of these

II: **Short Answer Type Questions:** Question no 21 to 25 are short answer type questions. Answer these questions in about 80 words each.

21. What is Indian Secularism? List its main features.

22. What is secularism? How does it help in bringing communal harmony in the country.

23. Why was "Secularism" adopted as one of the objectives of the Indian Constitution?

24. Discuss the grounds on which Indian secularism differs from that of other democratic countries.

25. List the objectives of the Constitution which only a secular state can ensure.

III: **Long Answer Type Questions:** Question no 26 to 30 are long answer type questions. Answer these questions in about 100 words each.

26. Elaborate on the role of American Constitution ensuring that America remains a secular state.

27. "The tyranny of majority could result in discrimination." Discuss

28. Discuss, why is it important to separate religion from state.

29. Describe with the help of an example the ways adopted by another countries to deal with the issues of separating state from religion.

30. Describe the various ways in which Indian state works to prevent domination of religious majority.

IV: **Creative Assignment:** Write an essay on 'Communal Harmony: Backbone of India's Unity and Integrity'.

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