

CLASS - VIII

SUBJECT- S.S.T. (CIVICS) Chapter - 1 'Our Constitution'

The Constitution is a set of written rules and regulations according to which a country is governed. It is acceptable to all its citizens and lays down the foundation for a good society.

The Constitution was framed by the Constituent Assembly. Its members were elected by the members of the provincial legislative assemblies. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was chosen to head the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly. Our Constitution starts with the Preamble. A Preamble means an introduction in which the purpose of the Constitution is given.

Values of our Constitution.

- (i) Power of the people → The Constitution is the supreme document of our country. Since it draws its authority from the people, the people have the ultimate power.
- (ii) Socialist → India's constitution upholds ideal of socialism, which seeks to give everyone equal opportunities to use the country's resources.
- (iii) Secular → India is a secular country. This means that all religions are treated equally in India.

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Democratic → The people of India participate in governance through representatives elected by the adult population of the country. Hence India is a democratic country.

Republic → The Constitution of India provides for an elected head of state who is known as the President. He serves for a fixed term. Thus India is a republic.

Justice → The framers of our constitution wanted to build a society in which everyone gets justice.

HOME WORK

Note - Learn and write these question answers

Ques- Answer these questions

- (i) What is a constitution?
- (ii) What is the Preamble?
- (iii) Who was the head of drafting committee of the constituent Assembly?

Ques- Differentiate in between Secular and Socialist

Ques- Fill in the blanks

- (i) India has a _____ form of government.
- (ii) The Constitution is a set of _____ rules and regulations.
- (iii) _____ starts with the Preamble.

Ques- State true or false.

- (i) The Constitution was framed by the Constituent Assembly.
- (ii) Our Constitution is the shortest Constitution of the world.
- (iii) Jawahar Lal Nehru was chosen to head of Drafting Committee.