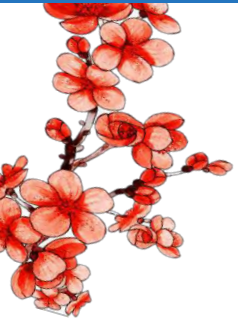


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QUESTION 1. IN A DEMOCRACY WHY IS UNIVERSAL ADULT FRANCHISE IMPORTANT?

ANSWER. In a democracy, the Universal Adult Franchise is important because of the following reasons:



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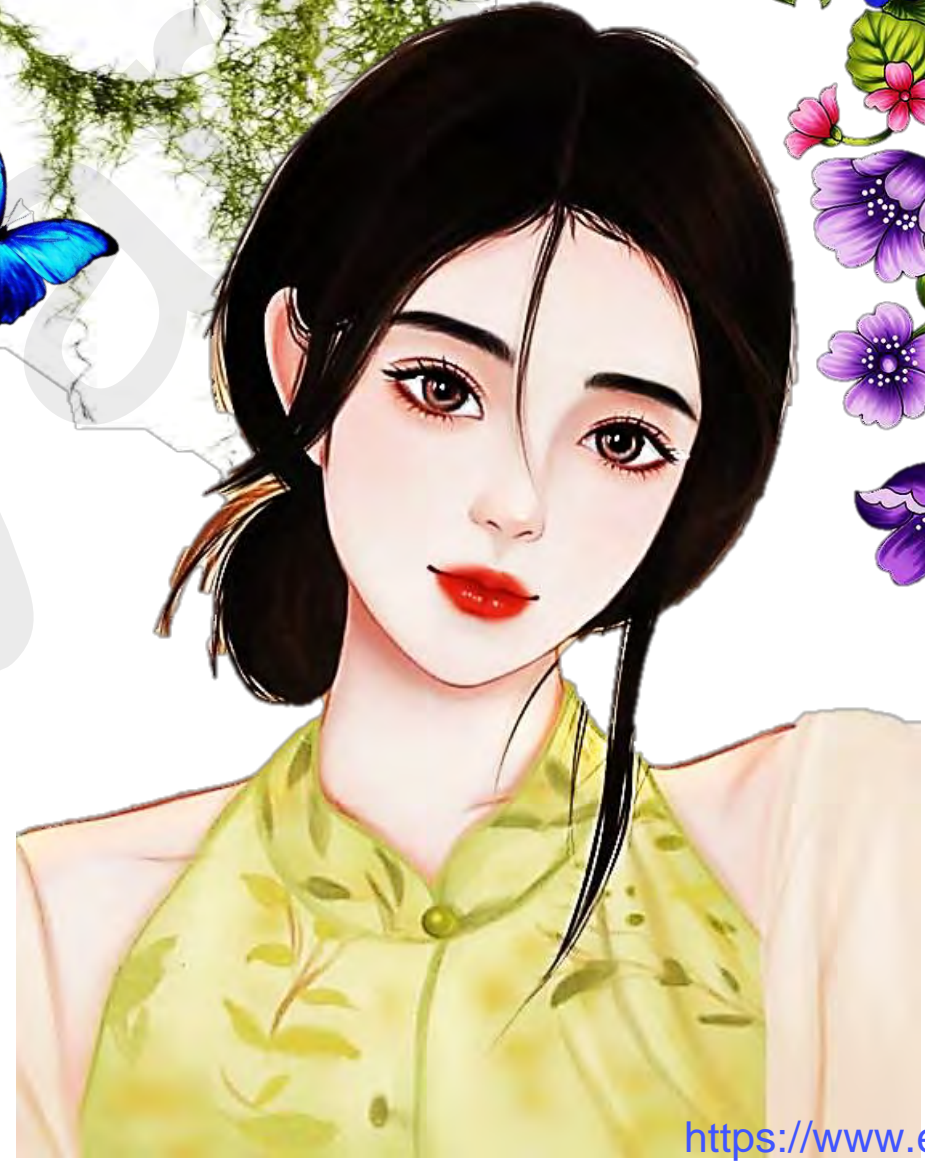
**(I). Democracy
is the
government of
the people, by
the people,
and for the
people.**



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(II). Every adult irrespective of caste, creed, religion, region, sex, the rich or poor background is allowed to vote. This is called a universal adult franchise.



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(III). The concept of the universal adult franchise is based on equality.

(IV). In a democracy every citizen is equal.



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QUESTION 2. RE-READ THE BOX ON ARTICLE 15 AND STATE TWO WAYS IN WHICH THIS ARTICLE ADDRESSES INEQUALITY?

ANSWER. This Article addresses inequality in terms of access to shops, public restaurants, hotels and places of public entertainment, or



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[b] the use of wells, tanks, bathing ghats, roads and places of public resort maintained wholly or partly out of state funds or dedicated to the use of the general public.



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QUESTION 3. IN WHAT WAYS WAS OMPRAKASH VALMIKIS EXPERIENCE SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE ANSARIS?

ANSWER.

Omprakash Valmiki's experience was similar to that of Ansaris in the following ways:

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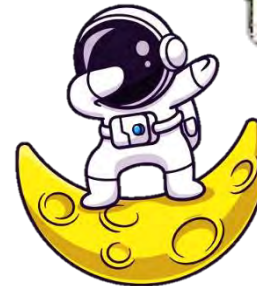
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(I). Omprakash Valmiki was not allowed to sit with other students on the desks or mats.

(II). Ansaris were not given apartments on rent in the locality of the people belonging to the Hindu religion.



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(III). Omprakash Valmiki was discriminated against on the basis of caste while Ansaris were discriminated against on the basis of religion.



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QUESTION 4. WHAT DO YOU UNDERSTAND BY THE TERM “ALL PERSONS ARE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW”? WHY DO YOU THINK IT IS IMPORTANT IN A DEMOCRACY?

ANSWER. (I). By the term, “all persons are equal before the law”, we understand equality.



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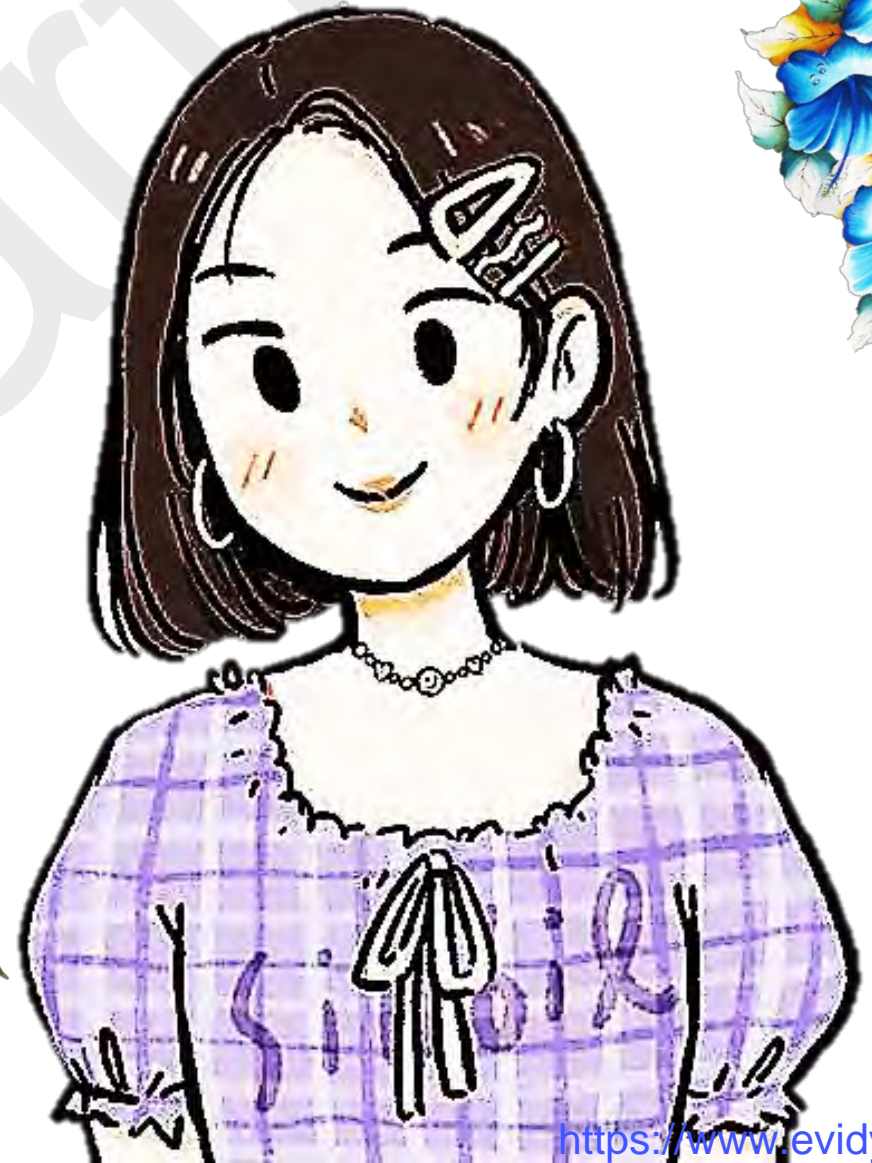
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(II). Equality is important in a democracy because democracy is the government of the people, by the people and for the people.

1. Equality is the essence of democracy.



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2. If people are discriminated against on the basis of caste, creed, religion, sex, prosperity etc. the democracy will not survive.



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