

1. What happened in the Jewish state of Israel?

## **Answer**

Muslim and Christian minorities were treated badly in the Jewish state of Israel.

2. What is Secularism?

## **Answer**

Secularism refers to the separation of religion from the state. The Indian constitution does not uphold any religion as state religion. Everybody is free to follow his/her own religion.

3. What examples does history provide us on the grounds of religion?

### **Answer**

History provides us with several examples of discrimination, exclusion and persecution on the grounds of religion.

4. What do you mean by 'freedom to interpret'?

### **Answer**

'Freedom to interpret' means an individual's liberty to develop his own understanding and meaning of the religion that one practises.

## 5. Why was untouchability banned?

### **Answer**

Untouchability was banned because the practice was based on discrimination. It prevented lower cast community or dalits from entering the mainstream of the society.

## 6. How are Non-Muslims treated in Saudi Arabia?

### **Answer**

In Saudi Arabia, non-Muslims are not allowed to build a temple, church etc. They also cannot gather in a public place for prayers.

7. When do acts of discrimination take place more easily?

### **Answer**

When one religion is given official recognition by the state at the expense of the other religions.

8. Why is Paramjit allowed to drive in pugri?

### **Answer**

Paramjit is a Sikh youth and for him wearing a pugri is a very important part of his religion.

9. What is meant by 'freedom to interpret'?

**Answer**

The independence that all persons shall have to understand things in their own way. In civics, it refers to a person's liberty to develop their own understanding and meaning of the religion they practice.

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