

Understanding Marginalisation

Q1. Write in your own words two or more sentences of what you understand by the word 'marginalisation'.

Answer The term 'marginalized' means exclusion from the mainstream. The marginalization of any community or individual can be due to many reasons. It involves, speaking a different language, Following various customs, and Relative to different religious groups from majority community. Minority groups may also feel marginalized because they are poor, perceived as having a "low" social status and perceived as less humane than others. Demarcation is associated with facing loss, prejudice, poverty and powerlessness. It is a complex phenomenon, resulting in low social status and no equal access to education and other resources.

Q2. List two reasons why Adivasis are becoming increasingly marginalised.

Answer Tribal are being marginalized for the following two reasons:

1. Changes in forest laws have deprived the tribals of forest produce.
2. Construction of factories and other projects in tribal areas has forced many tribal people Migrating to other places in search of livelihood.

Q3. Write one reason why you think the Constitution's safeguards to protect minority communities are very important?

Answer Safeguards are necessary to protect minority communities because the majority communities can culturally dominate minority communities and marginalized minority communities.

Q4. Re-read the section on Minorities and Marginalisation. What do you understand by the term minority?

Answer "Minority" is a term used for communities that have a lower population than more populous communities. For example, in India, Muslims constitute around 13.4 percent of India's population and are considered a minority community.

Q5. You are participating in a debate where you have to provide reasons to support the following statement: 'Muslims are a marginalised community'. Using the data provided in this chapter, list two reasons that you would give.

Answer According to the data given in the chapter, the literacy rate of Muslim population in India is only 59% which is lowest as compared to 65% among Hindus, 70% among Sikhs, 73% among Buddhists, 80% among Christians and 94% among Jains. In addition, only 3% of Muslims represent respected Indian Administrative Service cadres. The above statistics support that Muslims are a marginalized community in India.

Q6. Imagine that you are watching the Republic Day parade on TV with a friend and she remarks, "Look at these tribal people. They look so exotic. And they seem to be dancing all the time". List three things that you would tell her about the lives of Adivasis in India.

Answer The tribals have deep knowledge of the forests, were hunters and gatherers and lived like nomads. He practiced shifting agriculture and also cultivated a place. His deep knowledge about forest made him indispensable to the rulers of various empires during the pre-colonial period in India. He has his own language and has influenced the creation of various Indian languages, Bengali being one of them.

Q7. In the storyboard you read about how Helen hopes to make a movie on the Adivasi story. Can you help her by developing a short story on Adivasis?

Answer Students have to do this by themselves.

Q8. Would you agree with the statement that economic marginalisation and social marginalisation are interlinked? Why?

Answer Social marginalization and economic marginalization are interlinked a social group is pushed out of the mainstream on social margins, resulting in a lack of opportunities for skill development and education. This means that marginalized people will not have proper access to quality health services, which means that a child from the marginalized section does not develop into an adult who is otherwise sufficiently competent to ensure a better income. Like this a person who lags behind in socio-economic development becomes economically marginalized.