

Short Answer Type Questions

1. Who was Milosevic? What was his policy towards the Kosovo Albanians? What did he want the Serbs to do? What was the reaction of the Serb leaders?

Ans. (a) Milosevic was a narrow minded Serb nationalist who won the elections in Yugoslavia. His government was very hostile towards the Kosovo Albanians.
(b) In Kosovo, the population was overwhelmingly ethnic Albanian but in entire country, Serbs were in majority. He wanted the Serbs to dominate the country.
(c) The Serb leaders thought that ethnic minorities like Albanians should either leave the country or accept the dominance the Serbs.

2. What are the three qualities that make any claim a right?

Or

When does a claim become a right?

Ans. A claim becomes right when:

- (a) It is reasonable i.e. it can be made available to others in an equal measure.
- (b) It is acceptable by the society because rights acquire meaning only in society.
- (c) It is recognized by the law. Any claim is enforceable only when the law recognizes it.

3. Explain the rule of law.

Ans. (a) Rule of law is the foundation of any democracy. It means that no person is above the law. There can't be any distinction between a political leader, government official and an ordinary citizen.
(b) Every citizen, from the Prime Minister to a small farmer in a remote village is subjected to the same law.
(c) No person can legally claim any special treatment or privilege just because he or she happens to be an important person.

4. What is meant by the 'Right to Reside' in any part of the country? What is its importance?

Ans. (a) All citizens have the freedom to travel any part of the country.
(b) They are free to reside and settle in any part of India.
(c) This right allows lakhs of people to migrate from village to towns and from poorer regions of the country to prosperous regions and big cities. This provides them job opportunities and employment.

5. “The scope of rights has been expanding and new rights are evolving over time.” Justify the statement.

Ans. It is true that over the years the scope of rights has expanded, Indian citizens.

(a) From time to time the court gave judgments to expand the scope of right. Now school education has become a right for Indians citizens.

(b) Recently the Parliament has enacted a law giving to right to information to the citizens. Now- we have a information from government offices.

(c) Recently the Supreme Court has expended the meaning of right to life to include the right to food.

Human rights have also seen expansion. With the expansion of democracy all over the world, there is greater pressure on government to accept these claims as rights. So, we can say that the scope of rights has been expanding and new rights are evolving over time.