

Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q.1. What was Civil Rights Act of 1964?

Ans. (i) The Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibited discrimination on the basis of race, religion or national origin.

(ii) It also stated that all schools would be open to African-American children and they would no longer have to study in separate schools.

Q.2. What is the present status condition of African-Americans in the country?

Ans. (i) A majority of African-Americans still continue to be among the poorest in the country.

(ii) Most African-American children can afford to attend only government schools which have fewer facilities and poorly qualified teachers as compared to white students who go to private schools or live in areas where the government schools are as good as private schools.

Q.3. How has mid-day meal scheme helped the country to progress?

Ans. (i) The mid-day meal scheme was launched for the first time in Tamil Nadu. In 2001, the Supreme Court asked all state governments to begin this programme in their schools within six months.

(ii) It has improved the attendance ratio of children in schools.

(iii) It had been reported earlier that children would often go home for lunch and not return back to school.

(iv) Mid-day meal scheme has improved the enrolment and attendance ratio of poor children in schools.

(v) Further, it has even led to Dalit empowerment since Dalit women are employed in quite a few places to cook the meal.