

Diversity

E. Long - answer questions:

1. Write a note on 'Diversity' and how it enriches our life.
2. Give examples of diversity from real life.
3. How does the location and environment of a place impact diversity?
4. How do historical and geographical factors influence culture?

Solutions

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1. Diversity is defined as the state or fact of being different and unique. We are different from each other in gender, appearance, habits and interests. We also have different ideologies, speak different languages, celebrate different festivals, follow different faiths, and have different ways of life. Even the plants and animals around us show a wide variety of different shapes, colours, sizes and show different behaviour. This diversity enriches our lives by adding variety to it. It teaches us to appreciate differences and learn from each other, thus making us tolerant and open-minded.
2. Differences in appearance-dark-skinned/fair; height - tall/short, interests - sports/ reading, religious beliefs - Hinduism/Christianity, dress, sari/salwar kameez, etc. are some examples of diversity in our daily life.
3. The location and environment of a place impact diversity by affecting the different ways of living in terms of dresses, food, customs, etc. For example, coastal areas like Kerala, Goa and West Bengal have a flourishing fish industry as plenty of fish is found in the water and hence fish is an important food in these areas.
4. Historical and geographical factors give way to a rich variety of vegetation and wildlife. Tigers are found in forest regions, cattle in the rural areas and camel in deserts; orchids grow in wet and cold regions, while cactus and date palms grow in dry places. Geographical diversity affects food habits and clothing and gives way to cultural diversity. Cultural diversity refers to the different ways of living in terms of dresses, food, customs, etc.