

## Long Answer Questions

### Q.1. How is Kanta's life different from her owners?

**Ans. (i)** Kanta works as a maid for the Jain family. While they vote together, they are different in other situations.

**(ii)** Kanta lives in slum, while Jain family lives in a bungalow.

**(iii)** If Kanta's daughter falls sick, she has to visit a government hospital and stand in a long queue, while the Jain family goes to a private clinic and doesn't have to stand in queues.

**(iv)** So, Kanta has a political equality, but whose daily wages and working conditions are far from equal.

### Q.2. How is casteism or common forms of inequality in India? Explain with the help of an example.

**Ans. (i)** Caste identity is a very common form of inequality in India.

**(ii)** One such example is of Omprakash Valmiki, a Dalit writer who in his autobiography 'Joothan' writes that in school, he had to sit separately from others.

**(iii)** In Class IV, he was asked by the headmaster to sweep the entire school and the playground, while other children used to study.

**(iv)** It was not Omprakash who told his father about it, but one day his father walked in and saw him sweeping. He warned the teacher against this type of discrimination.

### Q.3. How are minorities denied equality in India? Explain with an example.

**Ans. (i)** Minorities of different religions are denied equality in India.

**(ii)** Over here, we can give the example of Mr and Mrs Ansari who went to look for a house in a big city of India with a property dealer.

**(iii)** To their surprise, most of the landlords gave lame excuses like they could not allow non-vegetarians in their building.

**(iv)** The property dealer asked Mr and Mrs Ansari to change their names to Mr and Mrs Kumar but they refused.

**(v)** It took them a month before they could find a house. This shows the type of discrimination against minorities in India.

### Q.4. How is dignity and respect of people hurt?

**Ans. (i)** When persons are treated unequally, their dignity is violated. In a school, a child was maltreated on the grounds of casteism.

**(ii)** He was treated as an unequal as he belonged to a low caste.

**(iii)** It was an inhuman way of hurting his dignity.

**(iv)** Likewise, if a Muslim or Christian or any other religious minority is denied rights, his dignity is hurt.