

Questions

1. How would Maya's life be different in South Africa today?

Answer

Maya's life would be different in South Africa today due to following reasons:

- (i) Practice of apartheid is abolished today.
- (ii) She would have enjoyed equal rights before the law.
- (iii) No discrimination on the basis of caste, color, creed and religion.
- (iv) She would have the right to choose and participate in the government.

2. What are the various ways in which people participate in the process of government?

Answer

Various ways in which people participate in the process of government:

- (i) By participating in the election.
- (ii) By casting their vote to choose their government.
- (iii) By mass protest like rallies, strikes, signature campaigns etc.
- (iv) Limiting the power by regular election.
- (v) By expressing their view and criticizing the government on social media, televisions, newspapers etc.
- (vi) Keep on track and informed with government works and decisions.

3. Why do you think we need the government to find solutions to many disputes or conflicts?

Answer

We need the government to find solutions to many disputes or conflicts:

- (i) It can turn into outrageous or violent movement in future if not solved.
- (ii) Government is accountable to its people and thus take care of them.
- (iii) It is necessary to maintain peace and laws in the nation.
- (iv) To maintain the trust of its people for the maintainance of laws and justice.

4. What actions does the government take to ensure that all people are treated equally?

Answer

Steps the government should take to ensure that all people are treated equally:

- (i) Everybody should be treated equally before the law and in the constitution.
- (ii) All should be given equal rights to enjoy their freedom.
- (iii) There should be no discrimination in providing justice on the basis of caste, colour, creed or religion.
- (iv) Special protection should be provided to the underprivileged classes.
- (v) Ensuring basic facilities of food, shelter, health and clothes to all.

5. Read through the chapter and discuss some of the key ideas of a democratic government. Make a list. For example, all people are equal.

Answer

Key ideas of a democratic government:

- (i) Rights to participate in the formation of government.
- (ii) Justice should be provided to all.
- (iii) Re election should be held after a fixed period.
- (iv) Government should be accountable to its people.
- (v) No discrimination on the basis of caste, colour, creed or religion.
- (vi) Right to organise mass movements, rallies, protests etc.