

QUESTIONS

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

Solution 1:

There is no longer any discrimination in any sphere of life between whites and non-whites. All citizens have equal rights.

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

Solution 2:

There are multiple ways in which people participate in the Government process.

1. By voting in the elections.
2. By taking out at rallies and protests, if they are unhappy.
3. By participating in signature campaigns.
4. By participating in discussions on television and other modes of public platforms.

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

Solution 3:

Without the government, conflicts and disputes can result in violence and death. One group may believe that it has all the right to use force and prevent other groups from protesting. But in some cases, corrupt governments can themselves play a part in escalating these disputes and conflicts between people.

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

Solution 4:

People are given reservations in education and government jobs on the basis of their caste. This is done to uplift their social status.

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.

Solution 5:

1. All citizens are equal, and they have equal access to all the resources of a country.
2. All citizens are equal irrespective of their caste, gender, economic status and religion.
3. People who have faced discrimination in the past are eligible for Government jobs to uplift their social status.