

CCT CLASS 11 POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political equality or equality before the law is an important first step in the pursuit of equality but it often needs to be supplemented by equality of opportunities. While the former is necessary to remove any legal hurdles which might exclude people from a voice in government and deny them access to available social goods, the pursuit of equality requires that people belonging to different groups and communities also have a fair and equal chance to compete for those goods and opportunities. For this, it is necessary to minimise the effects of social and economic inequalities and guarantee certain minimum conditions of life to all the members of the society — adequate health care, the opportunity for good education, adequate nourishment and a minimum wage, among other things. In the absence of such facilities, it is exceedingly difficult for all the members of the society to compete on equal terms. Where equality of opportunity does not exist a huge pool of potential talent tends to be wasted in society.

Q.1. What kind of equality are we pursuing if we aim to address differences in income and status?

- (A) Equality of opportunity where social conditions do not pre-determine outcomes
- (B) Absolute equality where everyone receives the same rewards
- (C) Economic equality where wealth is equally distributed
- (D) Equality of outcome where all results are identical

Ans: A

Q.2. Which of the following best describes “equality of opportunity”?

- (A) Assigning identical roles and responsibilities to all individuals

- (B) Ensuring everyone has the same income level
- (C) Providing the same opportunities to everyone without being influenced by their background
- (D) Making all individuals have the same results

Ans: C

Q.3. What are the three main dimensions of equality ?

- (A) Political, social, and cultural
- (B) Economic, legal, and social
- (C) Legal, educational, and financial
- (D) Political, social, and economic

Ans: D

Q.4. What is the purpose of striving for social equality beyond political equality?

- (A) To guarantee the same standard of living for everyone
- (B) To provide a fair chance for all individuals to compete for opportunities and resources
- (C) To ensure identical results in all areas of life
- (D) To eliminate all forms of competition

Ans: B