



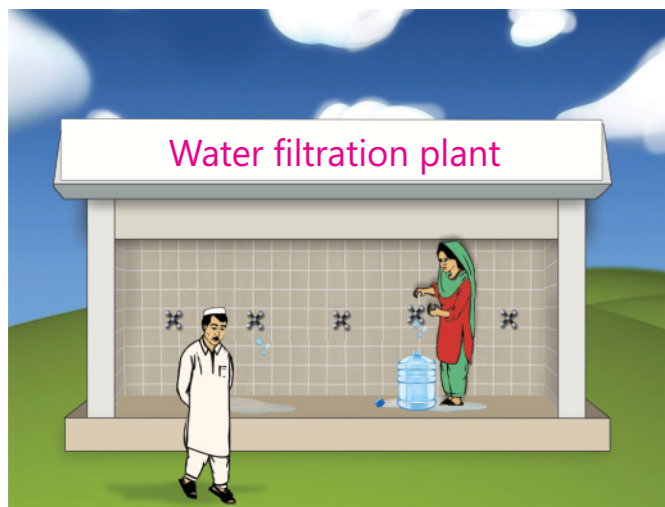
Government and Role of Citizens

It is the duty of the government to provide, health, education, jobs, electricity, water, gas and justice facilities to the citizens. Government establishes many institutions for this purpose. These institutions include schools, colleges, hospitals, courts, police stations and various offices. It is the duty of the citizens to take care of these institutions and keep them clean.

Public Problems and their Solutions

Clean Drinking Water

Problems are increased with the increase in population. Clean and drinkable water is not available in many urban and rural areas. It is polluted with mud and germs. Such water must be filtered and boiled before drinking. At certain places, water filtration plants are in use. In deserts, very little water is available. People living in deserts, have to fetch water for drinking and other purposes from far off places. Government tries to provide drinkable water to all the people. We should use water only when needed so that may not become short and the other people can use it.



Schools

A person who cannot read and write is called an illiterate person. Illiterate persons cannot play any role in social development. An illiterate person is neither aware of his own problems nor he can find their solutions. To solve his problems, he has to depend upon others. The main cause of illiteracy is the poverty. Poor people put their children at work instead of sending them to schools. In certain areas, children cannot get education because there are no schools in such areas. To solve this problem, government has declared primary education compulsory for every child. Parents are legally bound to get their children admitted in the school. New schools are being established in those areas where there are no schools. Government is providing free books to the children from class 1 to class 10.



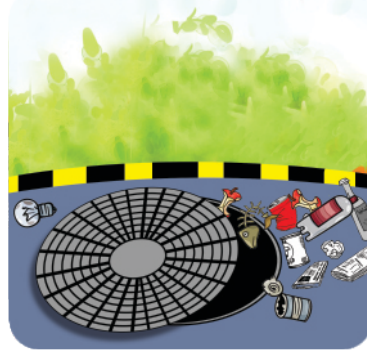
Health

In many areas, health facilities are very poor. In some areas, patients have to travel long distance for getting treatment. This makes the

patient more sick. Sometimes, the patient dies before reaching the hospital. To solve such problems, government establishes hospitals and basic health units in different areas.

Proper Disposal of Sewage Water

Non-availability of proper disposal of sewage water is a serious problem. In certain areas due to poor drainage system, sewage water, enters the streets and nearby localities. This causes diseases. Bad smell of sewage water creates health problems. We should not throw garbage into drains so that gutters may not block. Manholes must be covered by lids. Drains must be cleaned regularly. Lime should be sprinkled at the banks of the drains. Do not let dirty water stagnate in the streets, so that mosquitoes may not breed. Trees may be planted at proper places. This will increase the beauty of that area. Such works can be done on self help basis or through the mohalla committees. Government also supports in solving these problems.



Working on Self Help Basis

Government does many things for the citizens of its country and tries its best to provide all facilities to the people. All departments of the government work together to do this. However, there are many problems which can be solved by the citizens on self help basis. For example, cleanliness of the locality and strengthening of embankments in flood affected areas, can be done on self help basis. After filling the pond with soil, trees can be planted there.



A Good Citizen

People can become good citizens by practicing justice and fair play, helping others and observing rules and regulations.

1. Practicing Justice

A person cannot be a good citizen without practicing justice. A society cannot progress without justice. A fair justice means that every citizen can get his due rights. Justice is necessary in every walk of life.

2. Observing Rules and Regulations

There are certain rules and regulations to run a country. Every society has its own rules and regulations for the people to follow them and lead peaceful life. People develop the feelings of brotherhood and love by interacting with each other. A good citizen is the one who follows the prevailing rules and regulations of his society. In this way peace prevails and individuals are saved from difficulties. We must follow the laws of the country to prove ourselves good citizens.

3. Helping Others

We must help our brothers, sisters, relatives, friends, neighbours and the people at workplaces. We should share the things of our daily use with others. A reliable citizen always looks for the betterment of others.

4. Respect for the Rights of Others

Every person in this world is respectable. To respect others is a quality of a good citizen. A good citizen always respects others' rights. Depriving the others from their rights can create unrest. Rights of others includes the rights of parents, brothers, sisters, teachers, neighbours and relatives. Being a good citizen, it is our moral duty to help others. Every individual whether he is a student or a teacher or a doctor or a labourer, should perform his duty honestly. A good citizen must safeguard the life and property of others. We should respect religious festivals of others and avoid calling by bad names and quarreling with them. While entering or leaving a masjid or school and boarding or leaving a train we should wait for our turn. If we do not wait for our turn, there may be an unpleasant incident due to push or pull.



EXERCISES

1. Give short answers.

- (i) Who is responsible for providing basic necessities to the people?
- (ii) Name two important problems and suggest their solutions.
- (iii) Why is it necessary to help others?
- (iv) Write the benefits of obeying laws.

2. Mark the correct answers with (✓).

- (i) Who solves public problems?
 - (a) Lawyer
 - (b) Government
 - (c) Engineer
 - (d) Doctor
- (ii) The growth in population leads to:
 - (a) increase in traffic
 - (b) increase in prosperity
 - (c) decrease in use of electricity
 - (d) improvement in education
- (iii) Characteristic of a good citizen:
 - (a) law breaking
 - (b) wrong parking
 - (c) abiding law
 - (d) blocking roads.
- (iv) Roads are blocked due to:
 - (a) police
 - (b) heat
 - (c) heavy traffic
 - (d) cold

3. Fill in the blanks with the suitable words.

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- (i) A person lives in the society along with other _____.
- (ii) We should take _____ of the necessities of our needy relatives.
- (iii) Abiding traffic rules is a sign of a good _____.
- (iv) We should treat each other with respect and _____.

4. Match Column A with Column B.

Column A	Column B
Every person in the world is	one who cannot read and write
Without practicing justice	respectable
An illiterate person is	a person cannot be a good citizen
A teacher gives children and elders	cultivate crops
For all of us, a farmer	education

Activity

Arrange a speech contest between the students about two important problems of your locality.

For the teachers

1. Inform the students about the activities of different people in the local community.
2. Inform the students about the role of government in fulfilling the needs of people.
3. Inform the students about the personal qualities of a good citizen.