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CIVIC AND ETHICAL EDUCATION

RESPONSIBILITY

FOR GRADE -11

Unit objective

Dear students - At the end of the units you will be able to: -

- Recognize that is the execution of one's own responsibility that perpetuates the existence of society and individuals.
- Understand that shouldering responsibility is essential duty of citizens; and
- Develop the habit of executing one's own responsibilities

Definition of responsibility

Black's law dictionary defines responsibility as "the state of being answerable for an obligation" which in turn entails any of the following obligations:

- Able to answer for one's conduct and obligation
- Liable to called to account as primary cause, motive
- Able to choose for one self between right and wrong

LESSON 1- CITIZENS' OBLIGATIONS IN SOCIETY

- In any society, members have various obligation to their society participating in public life, giving service to the society, paying taxes, appreciating differences and resolve it amicably are the major obligation of citizens.
- Some of the obligation citizens have in society include the following;

- A. **performing public services honesty and protecting public property**
    - Public service: - is a service given to the public, in most countries of the world, this service is given to the public mainly by the employees of the government in public services.
    - In all government institutions citizens are expected to perform the services they are giving to the public honesty. Honesty is the quality of being honest or truthful. In rendering service to the public citizen are also expected to be impartial.
    - Citizens are also responsible to serve the public and urgently respond to rational call Intime of emergency. Moreover, the other citizens' responsibility in public service is protecting public property. Public property is a property that is useful for the public at large as oppose to private property. \
- **B. Civic and Political Participation**
    - Constitutional democracy, in any society, cannot accomplish its purpose unless its citizens are committed to participate thoughtfully in public affairs. There are two general ways of approach problems that confront society. one is through social action, and the other is through political action.
    - Social actions are those actions related to welfare activities to overcome certain social problems like helping the poor with no means of livelihood, kids without parents etc.… political actions, on the other hand, are actions addressing certain political problems in the society. The action such as changing a regime, forming a political party and work for its objectives, to elect or be elected for public posts etc. ... are political actions.

- Political participation is the means that citizens should use to influence the formation and implementation of public policy. There are various forms of political participation. among these are: -
  - **Voting**
  - **Attending political and governmental meetings**
  - **Demonstration**
  - **Contacting public offices physically, through mail or phone**
  - **Contributing money to political parties**
  - **Expressing opinions on talk shows**
  - **Running for political offices**

- **C. Appreciating of Individuals and Group Differences**
  - If every citizen is to fulfill his personal and collective responsibilities, then it is important to accommodate differences virtuous citizens are helpful and truthful to one another, even when they differ on substantial matters. A virtuous society is characterized by
    - **Dialogue and respect for others dignity**
    - **A recognition that they are dependent on one another in various ways**
  - These characteristics could be manifested through strong belief in negotiation and compromise.

- **D. paying Fair Tax**
  - A tax is a compulsory levy. Those who are taxed have to pay the sums without claiming an immediate definite and direct benefit from the government. Tax is a liability imposed upon the tax payer that could be individuals, groups, or other legal entities.

- It is a liability to pay an amount on account of the fact that: -
  - ❖ The tax payers have income of minimum amount from certain specified sources, or
  - ❖ They own certain property, or
  - ❖ They carry on certain economic activities which have been chosen for taxation
- Paying fair tax, as a member of the society is one of the following responsibilities of every capable citizens in order to get the services mentioned above paying taxes helps the government to understand its activities.

LESSON 2 – RESPONSIPLITY IN RESPECTING MORAL AND LEGAL OBLIGATIONS IN SOCITY

- Obligations are requirements of standard arising from a person's situation or circumstances. For instance, a person may have obligation due to his relationship with other members of society or due to the knowledge or position he has in the society. The requirements specify what must or must not be done for some moral, legal religious, or institutional reason.

A. **The need for keeping one's promise to society**

- ❑ A promise is a declaration which binds the person who make it, either in honor conscience, or law, to do forbear certain specific act. A promise gives the person to whom it was made a right to expect or claim the performance of some particular activity from the person who made it. A promise may be stated in words, either oral or written, or may be inferred wholly or partly from conduct.

B. **Maintaining Moral and Ethical values**

- ❑ In any society you will find certain moral and ethical values that govern the smooth relationship between its members. Morality pertains to character, conduct, intention, social relation, and others. Its about the genera principles of right conduct.

- Ethics is treating of moral feeling, duties or conduct. It is also related to conforming to professional standards of conduct. For instance, helping a person in need of assistance, helping the weak, the elders, person with disability, etc. …
- In most case, ethical values are related to professional obligations. As the custodians of special knowledge which bear on time well-being of mankind professionals like physicians, engineers, teachers etc. … are governed by special ethical responsibilities
- Good citizens maintain the moral and ethical values of their society. The obligation of members of a society that emanate from these values are mainly moral obligation.
- Moral obligations are requirements that specify what acts are permitted or forbidden without reference to the consequences of performing or omitting that act. It is a duty, which is valid and binding in conscience and according to natural justice. Moral obligation rests mainly upon ethical consideration, and is not imposed or enforced by a law unless it is provided in some kind of disciplinary rules issued by the concerned body.

C. **Legal Obligations**

- A legal obligation is a duty imposed by law that specifies the type of actions permitted, forbidden or required. upholding the constitution and observing the law of the land is the main legal obligation of citizens of a country

LESSON 3 – RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING THE ENVIROMENT

- The environment is composed of land, water, air, human beings and other living creatures as well as human created surrounding the environment has a number of benefits to mankind. It provides: -
  - ⇨ A place for life, clean air and pure water which are essential for human life and health
  - ⇨ Land containing mineral, animal and plant life. Which man uses for food and other.
  - ⇨ Resources needed for the production of goods and services such as houses, medicines, and other countless products.
- The environment also symbolizes certain intangible qualities that are important to people for their esthetic values. For instance, the miraculous range of mountains, the tranquility of natural forests and timelessness of wild animals etc. … This quality of the environment also provides the potential opportunity for tourism industry.
- In any society, there are also certain cultural and historical heritages with multiple significance to human being. Both the environment and cultural and historical heritages need to be protected for the purpose of the present and future generation.

LESSON 4 – RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR AGAINST HIV/AIDS

- HIV.AIDS is believed to have occurred during the 1970s. but we don't know how many people developed it in the 1970s and the year before. Neither do we know, and probably never will know where HIV/AIDS originated.
- In the mid 1982 the disease was being referred to by its new name AIDS. The word AIDS was an abbreviation of acquired Immune deficiency Syndrome. And the name of the virus was dropped and a new name called HIV (human Immune deficiency Virus) was given in 1986.
- HIV.AIDS can transmission through different way. the most common: -
  - Unprotected for unsafe sex
  - From mother to baby during birth
  - From mother to baby while breast feeding
  - Through unsterilized equipment when tattooing, scarring, circumcising or during female genital mutation.
- HIV.AIDS brought some socio-economic impact on human race. And it also affects governance of country. It can also cripple country's attempts to establish and maintain democracy and equity.

Assignment for Students

Part-I <u>fill the blank</u>

Direction – Fill in the blank space with appropriate words or articles

(Write only the correct articles) it accounts 5 marks.

1. The right of person Arrested _____
2. Non-Retroactivity of criminal law _____
3. Right to equality _____
4. Freedom of association _____
5. Right of Nationality _____

Part- II project work (it account 10 marks)

⇨ In this project, you are going to study members of your community who are known in filling their responsibility towards the society. These individuals could be elders or young who were greatly contributing to the society or they are now contributing a lot by involving in civic societies, etc. … Identify those individuals in your locality, talk to them (have an interview with them) about the following points:-

1. Their contribution to the society?
2. What helps them in fulfilling their responsibility?
3. what expected from an individual as a member of the society?

Finally write an essay, on the basis of the information you obtained so far, about responsibility.

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