

*Questions***Question 1:**

Draw up a list of the different festivals celebrated in your locality. Which of these celebrations are shared by members of different regional and religious communities?

Solution 1:

The festivals celebrated in our locality are: Diwali, Holi, Raksha Bandhan, Republic day, Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Children's day etc.

Out of these festivals National festivals like Republic day, Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanti and Children's day are celebrated by all casts and religions.

Question 2:

What do you think living in India with its rich heritage of diversity adds to your life?

Solution 2:

India is a country of diversity of -

- caste
- food
- clothes
- celebrations
- Ritualistic, etc.

Still a feeling of being Indian always remains in us. We all sing same National anthem. We all celebrate same National festivals, for us all religions are same and we respect all religions.

Question 3:

Do you think the term "unity in diversity" is an appropriate term to describe India? What do you think Nehru is trying to say about Indian unity in the sentence quoted above from his book

The Discovery of India?

Solution 3:

Yes I believe that "Unity in diversity" is an appropriate term to describe India. India is country of diversity in terms of religions, foods, clothes, festivals, rituals etc. But still in everybody we can see a unity. Being an Indian we proudly sing our National anthem, we collectively celebrate national festivals like Gandhi Jayanti etc.

In Nehru's book Diversity of India, Nehru ji also wants to say that we can see unity amongst people of different caste and system. They can easily accept other customs and beliefs.

Question 4:

Underline the line in the poem sung after the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, which according to you, reflects India's essential unity.

Solution 4:

Don't forget the days of blood, O friend

In the midst of your happiness remember to shed a tear for us

The hunter has torn away every single flower

Do plant a flower in the desert garden dear friend

Having fallen to bullets we slept in Jallianwala Bagh

Do light a lamp on this lonely grave O friend

The blood of Hindus and Muslims flows together today

Do soak your robe in this river of blood dear friend

Some rot in jails while others lie in their graves

Do shed a few tears for them O friend.

Question 5:

Choose another region in India and do a similar study of the historical and geographical factors that influence the diversity found there. Are these historical and geographical factors connected to each other? How?

Solution 5:**Region - Kerala**

Geographical features - Situated between Lakshadweep and Western Ghats. It has wet climate and seasonal heavy rains. The western coastal belt is relatively flat. This region is having many lakes and canals.

Geographical features - Due to coastal areas import and export were prevalent. This state has equal population of Hindu, Muslim, Christians. Festivals like, Eid, Christmas and Onam. The geographical features helped in the cultivation of species.