

# Case Study Question

## Case Study – 1

Source: Dignity and Freedom of the Citizens Democracy stands much superior to any other form of government in promoting dignity and freedom of the individual. Every individual wants to receive respect from fellow beings. Often conflicts arise among individuals because some feel that they are not treated with due respect. The passion for respect and freedom are the basis of democracy. Democracies throughout the world have recognised this, at least in principle. This has been achieved in various degrees in various democracies. For societies, which have been built for long based on subordination and domination, it is not a simple matter to recognise that all individuals are equal. Take the case of dignity of women. Most societies 131 across the world were historically male dominated societies. Long struggles by women have created some sensitivity today that respect to and equal treatment of women are necessary ingredients of a democratic society. That does not mean that women are actually always treated with respect. But once the principle is recognised, it becomes easier for women to wage a struggle against what is now unacceptable legally and morally. In a non-democratic set up, this unacceptability would not have legal basis because the principle of individual freedom and dignity would not have the legal and moral force there. The same is true of caste inequalities.

**(1) Why does democracy stand much superior to any other form of government?**

**(2) How are respect and equal treatment of women necessary ingredients of a democratic society?**

**(3) In which type of societies, it is not easy to recognise that all individuals are equal.**

## Solutions –

1.) Democracy stands much superior to any other form of government in promoting dignity and freedom of the individual. Every individual wants to receive respect from other fellow beings and if they do not get. Conflicts arise.

2.) Respect and equal treatment of women are necessary ingredients of a democratic society in the following ways:

(i) Economic independence or independence or access to an inherited or self-generated income is considered the major means of empowering women.

(ii) This provides equal political and civil rights as men.

3.) It is not easy to recognise that all individuals are equal in the societies, which have been built because of subordination and domination.

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