

Guiding Values of the Constitution

Chapter 13: Constitutional Design · Topic 2

Key Concept

Justice, as a guiding value, means ensuring fair treatment for all citizens - social, economic, and political justice - without discrimination.

Liberty refers to the freedom of thought, expression, belief, and action, allowing citizens to live and express themselves without unnecessary restrictions.

Equality means all citizens are treated equally before the law, with equal opportunities regardless of caste, religion, gender, or economic background.

Fraternity promotes a sense of brotherhood and unity among all citizens, encouraging respect for diversity and fostering national integration and dignity for all.

Quick Revision Notes

- The Constitution's guiding values include justice, liberty, equality and fraternity.
- These values are in the Preamble.
- Justice means fair treatment for all citizens.
- Liberty means freedom of thought, expression and belief.
- Equality means equal treatment before the law.
- Equality applies regardless of caste, religion or gender.
- Fraternity promotes brotherhood and unity.
- Fraternity encourages respect for diversity.

Practice Questions

- 1 List the four guiding values from the Preamble.
- 2 Discuss what justice means to you in daily life.
- 3 Explain an example of liberty in practice.
- 4 Discuss why equality is important in a diverse country.
- 5 Explain how fraternity could reduce social conflict.
- 6 Write the Preamble from memory or research it.