

Preamble to the Constitution

Chapter 15: Preamble to the Constitution · Topic 1

Key Concept

The Preamble describes India as a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic, reflecting the nation's fundamental character.

It promises Justice (social, economic, political), Liberty (of thought, expression, belief), and Equality (of status and opportunity) to all citizens.

The Preamble also emphasises Fraternity, promoting unity and dignity among all citizens regardless of their background.

As an introduction to the Constitution, the Preamble reflects the vision and values that guide India's governance and society.

Quick Revision Notes

- Preamble describes India: Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic.
- It promises Justice: social, economic, political.
- Also Liberty: thought, expression, belief.
- Also Equality: status, opportunity.
- It emphasises Fraternity: unity, dignity.
- This applies regardless of background.
- Preamble reflects Constitution's introduction.
- It shows India's guiding vision, values.

Practice Questions

- 1 Write out the Preamble from memory or reference.
- 2 Discuss what 'Justice' means in the Preamble.
- 3 Discuss what 'Fraternity' means to you.
- 4 Research why the Preamble was written this way.
- 5 Discuss how the Preamble reflects India's values.
- 6 Explain each key term in the Preamble in your own words.