

Chapter- Nelson Mandela: A Long Walk to Freedom

1. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow in a line or two:

(i) On that lovely autumn day I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On the podium, Mr de Klerk was first sworn in as second Deputy President. Then Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as first Deputy President. When it was my turn, I pledged to obey and uphold the Constitution and to devote myself to the well-being of the republic and its people.

- (a) Who accompanied Nelson Mandela on the inauguration?
- (b) Who took the oath before Mandela? For what?
- (c) Find out the word from the passage that has the same meaning as 'maintain'.
- (d) means a small platform that a person stands on when giving a speech etc.

(ii) "We have at last, achieved our political emancipation". We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the- continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination.

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) What pledge does he take?
- (c) Which word is the noun form of 'emancipate'?
- (d) What has the speaker achieved?

(iii) 'Perhaps it requires such depths of oppression to create such heights of character. My country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil, but I have always known that its greatest wealth is its people, finer and truer than the purest diamonds'.

- (a) Whose country is referred here?
- (b) What is a country's greatest wealth?
- (c) Mention the figure of speech used in the above extract.
- (d) Mention the valuable stone in the passage?

2. Answer these questions in 30-40 words:

- (i) What did 'being free' mean to Mandela as a boy and as a student?
- (ii) What are the twin obligations Nelson Mandela talks about in his speech?
- (iii) Why did Nelson Mandela say, "**The oppressed and the oppressor alike are robbed of their humanity.**"
- (iv) What did Mandela mean when he said he is simply the sum of all those African patriots who had gone before him?
- (v) What is the dream of Nelson Mandela for the future of South Africa?

3. Answer the question in 120-150 words:

- (i) What is the policy of Apartheid? What was its impact on the blacks?
- (ii) Write an Article on 'Freedom is Indivisible'. Take hints from Nelson Mandela's speech from 'Nelson Mandela: A Long Walk to Freedom'. You can take anecdotes from other sources also in order to establish the logic.