

**PASSAGE No. 8(12 Marks)**

**8. Read the following passage carefully:**

**REMEMBERING THE FATHER OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION – Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR**

Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, popularly known as Babasaheb Ambedkar, is referred to as the architect of the Indian Constitution. Dr. Ambedkar was born in a community which had suffered oppression for many centuries and were treated as 'untouchables'. However, this did not prevent him from realizing his dreams. The struggle he had faced in his life had only strengthened him.

At a time when untouchability was the norm, it was because of the foresight of Maharaja Sayaji Rao of Baroda that Dr. Ambedkar was able to enter Elphinstone College in Bombay and after graduation join the Baroda State Service. Later, the Maharaja, who was sending some students to the USA for higher studies at the Columbia University, included Dr. Ambedkar among them. Subsequently, Dr. Ambedkar moved to the United Kingdom and studied at the London School of Economics and was subsequently awarded the degree of Barrister-at-Law by Gray's Inn.

Though Dr. Ambedkar has contributed in many walks of life as a scholar, journalist, economist, activist, legal luminary, social reformer and political leader; his biggest and most important contribution was in his role as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution of India.

After India's Independence on August 15, 1947, Jawaharlal Nehru, the then Prime Minister of India, invited Dr. Ambedkar to be a part of his Cabinet as the nation's first Law Minister. He accepted the same and on August 29, 1947 Dr. Ambedkar was appointed as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee.

(Source: Employment News)

**On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:**

(2x4=8 Marks)

- a) How did Dr. Ambedkar's early life struggle help him later on?
- b) Why is Dr. Ambedkar called the architect of Indian Constitution?
- c) Which social stigma did he face during his childhood?
- d) Dr. Ambedkar was a multi-dimensional personality. Justify the statement.

**Choose the correct option out of the choices given that means: (1x4 = 4 Marks)**

- a) One who designs something.
  - i) scholar
  - ii) journalist
  - iii) architect
  - iv) reformer

- b) Cruel or unfair treatment.  
i) untouchability    ii) oppression    iii) stubborn    iv) norm
- c) An expert of something.  
i) activist    ii) Chairman    iii) reformer    iv) luminary
- d) One who knows a lot about a subject.  
i) scholar    ii) referred    iii) leader    iv) suffered

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