

Qno: Explain Bentham's greatest happiness of the greatest number.

Ans: ① Introduction

The theory of Utilitarianism and pain and pleasure by Jeremy Bentham highlights the greatest happiness of the greatest number. Therefore, in order to understand the later statement, one must understand the ~~exact~~ contextual background of the theory and the major points of the theory. Along with this, the above mentioned statement would also be understood by the method of calculating the pain and pleasure given by Jeremy Benthamism.

② Understanding the contextual background of greatest happiness of the greatest number

King: Considered as a shadow of God

His laws were considered as law by the God

A paradigm shift occurred in England

The constitutional  
monarchy  
dominate field

A dilemma of how  
to make law  
appeared

In that movement  
Jeremy Bentham  
create his  
theory

Make Law; gives greatest  
happiness in greatest  
number

① Theoretical Perspective of the statement  
of greatest happiness for the greatest  
number

## ② Bentham's Theory of Utilitarianism

Bentham starts his theory  
by highlighting that the man is  
driven by two major instincts, **Pain**  
and **Pleasure**. Throughout the life of  
a man, he wants to increase the

pleasure and reduce the pain. Moreover, in his theory of Utilitarianism, he says the by term Utility means that the usefulness or benefit, in simple words, any law which brings the utility is good law.

### ④ Pain and Pleasure

As mentioned above, the pain and pleasure are main drivers of a man's life. Jeremy Bentham gives 14 pleasures and 14 pains that the men want to ~~not~~ increase and decrease; Some of them are given below:

Pain	Pleasure
Bad <del>State</del>	Good Name
No respect	Respect
Illiterary	Education
Aloophens	Recognition

### ④ Correlating Bentham's theory of Utilitarianism and pain and pleasure with the greatest happiness of the greatest number

As per the theory of the Utilitarianism any law, which brings the utility is good and reduces the pain and increases the pleasure is good.

Pain	Pleasure	Happiness
Law increases the pain	It will ultimately decrease the pleasure	X No Happiness
Law gives pain for some time	It will also decrease the pleasure for some time	No happiness X
The pain will come after some time	Law gives the pleasure for some time	No happiness for long term X
No Pain	Law gives pleasure for long terms and a greatest number	Creates happiness Creates number

As per the statement the greatest happiness as greatest number, Any Law that gives the pleasure for a long term and to a big population is a good and viable law. Similarly, the theory of Utilitarianism also revolves around the same idea in this sense, it is not wrong to say that this above mentioned statement is related to the theory of the Utilitarianism and Pain and Pleasure.

## ② Method of Calculation of Pain and Pleasure created by the Law by Jeremy Bentham

Jeremy Bentham gave a method to calculate the pain and pleasure generated by the law in the population and he called it the **Felicific Calculus**, where he suggested different methods to calculate them that are given below.

### ① Extent of Pain and Pleasure

Through the extent of pain and pleasure generated by the law, it can be analyzed whether the law is good or not. For example, if the extent of pleasure of law in the population is high, then it would be considered good law, if it has increased the pleasure.

### ② Intensity of Pain and Pleasure

Through intensity the law can be judged even good or bad. As like, the intensity of law is high that generates greatest happiness in greatest number, then the law would be considered good.

Duration?	Is it only
The duration of pleasure is more than the law is good	If the pleasure multiplies in the public - then the law is good

## ⑥ Relativity in Modern times

In the context of relativity in modern times, the theories given by the Jeremy Bentham are applied in the modern world for devising law, because of the parliamentary or representative governments. For example, in Pakistan, India, UK, USA and the democratic countries the theories are applied.

## ⑦ Conclusion

In order to understand the statement of greatest happiness of the greatest number by Jeremy Bentham one must understand the

context of this theory of Utilitarianism  
and personal pleasure. And also the  
main theme of the theory. In short,  
the statement meant that a law  
will be considered a good law if  
it increases the happiness in greatest  
number for greatest time.

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