

## Reading Comprehension

1) How does the author characterize the concept of civil society?

Ans:- The author conceptualizes civil society as all those places where people gather to engage in debates, seek common interests, and attempt to sway public opinion or public policy. He states that when people are free from work or at home, they spend their time in civil society. People discuss variety of topics and issues during these meetings.

2) What do you understand by the term 'Social Capital' used in this passage?

Ans:- In civil society, people develop a sense of social tolerance, and <sup>social</sup> trust, and mutual obligation. Resultantly, the society functions effectively. The ability of the society to function effectively on social, political, and economic levels is called "social

capital" as used in the passage.

3) Why does a civil society assume the role of a public stake holder?

Ans:- When people gather in the form of a civil society, they start to consider their private interest as a collective public interest. In fact, they try to guard this public interest. If, by any means, public interest is harmed or compromised, the members of civil society can urge their local politicians to take the required measures through campaigns or movements. This is how civil society assumes the role of a public stake holder.

4) What impact is feared by the weakening state of civil society?

Ans:- Due to the weakening state of civil society, citizens will lose their trust and social connection. Resultantly, political institutions will not be able to work properly. The concerns of the public will not be addressed.

5) Why does civil society strive towards better socialization driven by tolerance?

Ans:— In a civil society, people gather together on the basis of a shared interest. Eventually, they find ways to resolve conflicts and differences among <sup>members</sup> people of the society. They learn to value social differences and develop a sense of social trust and obligation. It creates tolerance among people producing a multicultural nation.