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**Scenario 1:**

*Adiya and Kyra are in love with one another and wish to be married. However Adiya is a member of the Kshatriya caste and Kyra is of the Sudra caste. If they marry they will become untouchables, and their children will be untouchables. This will make their lives difficult and will bring sadness to their families.*

What should Adiya and Kyra do – marry one another or break up because they are not from the same caste? Give your reasons.

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Would it be wrong or right for Adiya and Kyra to go against the rules of the caste system and marry? How come?

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Who would be affected besides Adiya and Kyra if they decide to marry?

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Should that affect their decision? Why?

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Do you think it is fair or right that Adiya and Kyra can't marry one another without being forced to become untouchables? How come?

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How would Indian society have been changed if people could marry outside of the caste? Explain

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How would Indian society be changed if people did not follow the roles of their caste?

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**Scenario 2:**

*Manveer is in the caste of the warriors. He is expected to ignore or laugh at lower castes, since they deserved it from a former life. However, he feels funny doing that, because he doesn't want to make someone else feel bad.*

*One day he is walking along a path when he comes across Ravi, who is from a lower caste.*

What should Manveer do? Follow the rules (dharma) of his caste and ridicule Ravi, or listen to his heart and simply walk by Ravi as he would any other person of his own caste? Give your reasons.

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Is it wrong for Manveer to ignore the rules(dharma) of his caste and treat all people as equal?

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Who would be affected if Manveer chose to treat all people as equal?

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Should that affect his decision? Why?

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How would Indian society have been changed if people would not discriminate others? Explain.

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**Scenario 3:**

Girdharilal Maurya deserves what he got, his attackers insisted. *He has bad karma. Why else would he, like his ancestors, be born an Untouchable, if not to pay for his past lives? Look, he is a leatherworker, and Hindu law says that working with animal skins makes him unclean, someone to avoid and hate. Who does this Untouchable think he is, buying a small plot of land outside the village? Then he dared speak up, to the authorities, demanding to use the new village well. He got what Untouchables deserve.*

One night, while Maurya was away in a nearby city, eight men from the higher Rajput caste came to his farm. They broke his fences, stole his tractor, beat his wife and daughter, and burned down his house.

Did Girdharilal Maurya deserve what his attackers did to him? Give your reasons.

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Is it wrong for Girdharilal to ignore the rules(dharma) of his caste and to buy land and demand to use the well?

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Who else was affected by Girdharilal's choices?

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Should that have affected his decision? Why?

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Who would have been affected if Girdharilal's attackers had chosen to ignore his actions?

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Who is more responsible for disrupting the peace of the village – Girdharilal, or his attackers? Explain.

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