

Section-5

Q? What does samman or respect mean?
How can you ensure that respect becomes
a valued part of any society?

Soln

- Respect means accepting individuality & doing right evaluation. Instead of respect being a basis of similarity on one of right evaluation, we have made it into something on the basis of which we differentiate i.e. by respecting you mean you are doing something special, because you are special. You have something special or are in some special position.

- Thus all of us are running around seeking respect from one another by trying to become something special.

- Today, we are differentiating in the name of respect. We either differentiate people on the basis of their body, on the basis of their wealth and possessions or on the basis of their beliefs. There is no notion of respect in terms of right evaluation. Thus there is no real feeling of relationship only one of differentiation.
- on the basis of body
 - i) sex/gender
 - ii) Race
 - iii) age
 - iv) Physical strength
- on the basis of physical facilities:
 - v) wealth
 - vi) Post
- on the basis of beliefs:
 - vii) 'Tams'
 - viii) 'Sects'