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## What is Untouchability?

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  - i. It is a social practice within the caste system where the lowest caste are considered ritually impure so such an extent that there mere touch is said to pollute the upper caste, they are at the bottom of the hierarchical system & are excluded from most of the social institutions
  - ii. It is an extreme & vicious aspect of caste system which uses stringent social & ritual sanctions against the low caste.

## 2. What is Social exclusion?

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- a) It is the combine result of deprivation & discrimination that prevent individuals & groups from participating completely in the economic, social & political life of the society.
- b) It is the structural outcome of the social processes & institutions rather than individual action.
- c) It refers to the ways in which individuals may cut off from total involvement in the broader society.
- d) It is involuntary. It means it is followed regardless of the wishes of those who are excluded.

## 3. What are some of the features of Social Stratification?

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- i. It remains over generations.
- ii. It is the characteristic of society.
- iii. It is supported by patterns of beliefs.
- iv. It is socially justified through the caste system.

4. **What are major issues taken over by Women's Movements?** 4
- a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy campaigned against Sati
  - b) Jyothi Ba Phule fought against Gender discrimination
  - c) Tara Bai Shinde fought against the double standards of a male dominated society.
5. **In what sense can one say that disability is as much as a social thing as a physical thing?** 4
- a) Disability is considered as biological given
  - b) In our country the disable are referred as handicap, cripple. Blind & deaf.
  - c) The disabled are called disabled not due to biological defect but society causes so.
  - d) The disabled people are the poorest in the world

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