

Lesson – 2 Nation and State

Summary –

Nation or state is a political organization. The nation and nationality both words are derived from same word and there are many elements of nationality, but no single or combined elements is indispensable. The state is a political organisation with its four major elements, people, territory, government, and sovereignty.

Nation and Nationality –

- ✚ Nation is a group of people who belongs to the same culture, history, language, or caste and live in a government in the same country.
- ✚ Nationality word derived from the Latin word "natus", meaning "to be born." Nationality is a psychological phenomenon.

Elements of Nationality

Common Geography

Same region constitute a nationality

Common Race

Same nationality belongs to one group & social unity

✓ Common Language

✓ Same language binds people

✓ Common religion

✓ Nationality strengthened by same religion

Common Political Framework

Same political structure

Economic Factor

Doing the same work connects people

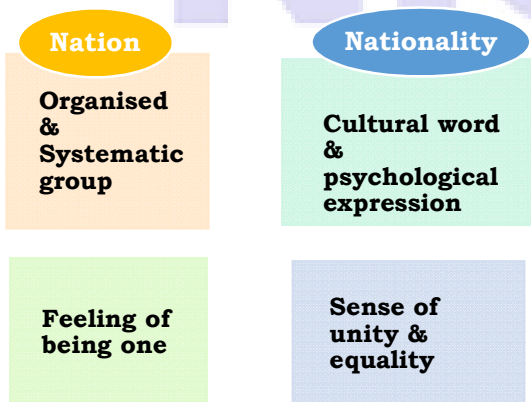
Common Subjugation

Equal subordination

Political Aspiration

To be a nation

Distinguish between Nation & Nationality



State –

State is the focal point of the study of political science. The word state is also used for state management and state aid.

Elements of the State –

Population –

People make the state

Territory –

State should have a fixed and defined territory

Government –

To enforce rules & organise people

Sovereignty -

Is a Supreme power,
Sovereignty has two aspects, Internal & External

Evaluate Yourself –

1. Define the nation and nationality in your own words.
2. Discuss the functions of the state and prepare a list in your words.
3. Write down the two aspects of Sovereignty and explain with suitable examples.