UNITY

Unity is the peaceful co-existence between members of a group or society. Unity also implies a harmonious relationship between people who belong to a group or share something in common. Unity is very necessary for the achievement of a goal. A common statement in this respect is: United we stand, divided we fall. This means that when a group of people are in unity, they can achieve their common goal but when they are in divided, they cannot achieve their common goal. The term unity is usually used interchangeably with terms like harmony, oneness and cooperation.

Causes of disunity in the home, school and society

1. Greed and selfishness destroys the unity of purpose in a home, school or society.
2. Impatience among individuals hinder the progress of a group.
3. Intolerance is the reason why many persons can live harmoniously with other people.
4. Disrespect brings quarrel and disunity.
5. Infidelity breaks trust and thereby breeds disunity.
6. Envy and jealousy brings friction and disharmony in relationship between one person and another.
7. Favouritism breeds disunity.
8. Dishonesty breaks trust and thus brings disunity.
9. Lack of self-control is the reason for lack of cooperation and disunity among people in an environment.
10. Lack of love brings disunity. If people love themselves, they will work together without any problems.

How to maintain unity

1. Be tolerant with one another
2. Learn to treat everyone equally and fairly
3. Be sincere in your relationship with other people.
4. Always be cautious.
5. Learn to accommodate the differences of other people.
6. Treat other persons with respect.
7. Do not cheat other people.
8. Be honest in your relationship with other people.
9. Avoid envy and jealousy.
10. Be patient with other people

Class performance

The class should be divided into groups with the purpose of coming up with a play. This play should focus on the following themes

1. Unity
2. Religious tolerance.

Also perform the song,

The more we are together, together, together,

The more we are together, the happier we shall be.

Summary

Unity is the peaceful co-existence between members of a group or society. Disunity in the home can be caused by greed, impatience, intolerance, disrespect, infidelity, envy etc. To maintain unity, we need to be tolerant, sincere accommodating, cautious, honest etc.

Review Questions
1. Define unity
2. State ten causes of disunity in the home, school and society
3. State seven ways to maintain unity.