

## 1.1.2 Features of good citizenship

### Part Two

#### Characteristics of good citizen

Based on the preceding story, we will examine a few of the characteristics of a good citizen.

**A.) *Obey the law:*** is one of the most important public duty of a good citizen is to obey the law. A law is a set of rules established by a community that governs how people act and behave. A good citizen follows the rules, obeys parents, teachers, and those in positions of authority, observes just laws, and upholds democratic principles. A good citizen is also required to follow the laws of the country, such as paying taxes, preserving the environment, and treating people with respect. As a result, in the preceding story, one of the students' major contributions was stated as respecting the school's rules and regulations. Indeed, every one of you is responsible for adhering to the school's rules and regulations.

**B). *Responsibility:*** is the other important characteristic of good citizenship. Responsibility entails taking action and encompasses many aspects of what we consider to be good citizenship. You might want to emphasize that one of the primary responsibilities of students is to learn. At home, you are expected to complete your homework, and at school, you are expected to respect your classmates and teachers. You also have the responsibility to report any wrongdoing if you witness it. For instance, as a good citizen, you have a responsibility to report tax fraud and smuggling if you see or hear about it.

Furthermore, keeping the environment clean, obtaining an education, and participating in community service are all responsibilities of a good citizen. When you look at the student in the preceding story, you will notice that he/she is extremely responsible not only in class but also in his/her extracurricular activities.

**C). Tolerance:** is the critical characteristics of a good citizen that allows us to live peacefully. It also teaches us that other people have the right to hold opinions, beliefs, and positions that differ from ours. Tolerance is the ability and willingness to accommodate differences in ideas, outlooks, and points of view, among other things.

A good citizen is expected to show the utmost respect for other people's religions, cultures, languages, and other value systems. This principle is related to the above-mentioned student, who was honored because he/she has developed the habit of tolerance both inside and outside of the classroom, allowing him/her to live in harmony with students of various ages, religions, languages, and ethnic groups.

**D). Patriotism:** is also an essential quality of a good citizen. A patriot should have a genuine affection for his or her country as well as a sense of participation in the country's social, political, and economic aspects. A good citizen is one who is willing to make sacrifices for the benefit of his/her country. For example, Ethiopia is a country of many heroes and patriots who have given their precious lives to ensure our country's independence and the ability to live in peace and dignity.

**Choose the correct answer for the following questions**

**Section A: Obey the Law**

**1. What is one of the most important public duties of a good citizen?**

- a) Earning money
- b) Obeying the law
- c) Traveling abroad
- d) Joining politics

**2. A law is defined as:**

- a) A personal opinion
- b) A tradition followed by families
- c) A set of rules established by a community
- d) A religious command

**3. A good citizen follows rules and:**

- a) Ignores teachers
- b) Obeys parents and authority
- c) Breaks unjust laws
- d) Disobeys elders

**4. Which of the following is an example of obeying the law in a country?**

- a) Traveling abroad
- b) Paying taxes
- c) Watching television
- d) Buying property

**5. Preserving the environment is an example of:**

- a) Political duty
- b) Disobedience
- c) Following laws of the country
- d) Avoiding education

**6. A student respecting school rules and regulations shows:**

- a) Laziness
- b) Obedience to law
- c) Economic duty
- d) Avoiding responsibility

**7. Treating people with respect is part of:**

- a) Citizenship
- b) Tolerance only
- c) Family tradition
- d) Entertainment

### **Section B: Responsibility**

**8. Which is considered another important characteristic of good citizenship?**

- a) Responsibility
- b) Laziness
- c) Isolation
- d) Dishonesty

**9. Responsibility means:**

- a) Avoiding action
- b) Taking action and fulfilling duties
- c) Ignoring laws
- d) Making excuses

**10. What is one of the primary responsibilities of students?**

- a) To teach teachers
- b) To learn
- c) To avoid school
- d) To pay salaries

**11. At home, students are expected to:**

- a) Watch TV all day
- b) Complete homework
- c) Sleep late
- d) Avoid chores



**12. At school, students should:**

- a) Disrespect teachers
- b) Respect classmates and teachers
- c) Argue with peers
- d) Ignore activities

**13. Reporting wrongdoing is a responsibility of:**

- a) Citizens only at home
- b) Good citizens everywhere
- c) Teachers only
- d) Parents only

**14. Reporting tax fraud and smuggling is an example of:**

- a) Irresponsibility
- b) Obeying traffic rules
- c) Good citizenship responsibility
- d) Avoiding school work

**15. Which of the following is also a responsibility of a good citizen?**

- a) Keeping the environment clean
- b) Avoiding education
- c) Wasting resources
- d) Ignoring community service

**16. Participating in community service reflects:**

- a) Disobedience
- b) Citizenship responsibility
- c) Breaking rules
- d) Ignorance

**17. A responsible student is described as one who:**

- a) Avoids extracurricular activities
- b) Excels in both class and extracurricular activities
- c) Disrespects classmates
- d) Ignores learning

## Section C: Tolerance

**18. Which characteristic of a good citizen allows peaceful living?**

- a) Responsibility      b) Tolerance      c) Laziness      d) Wealth

**19. Tolerance teaches us that other people:**

- a) Must follow our beliefs  
b) Have the right to hold different opinions and beliefs  
c) Should be ignored  
d) Must agree with us

**20. Tolerance is defined as:**

- a) Rejecting other views  
b) The ability to accommodate differences in ideas and outlooks  
c) Disobeying rules  
d) Breaking the law

**21. A good citizen is expected to show respect for:**

- a) Only their own culture  
b) Other people's religions, languages, and cultures  
c) Just their friends  
d) Only majority groups

**22. Tolerance helps citizens live in:**

- a) Conflict      b) Harmony      c) Isolation      d) Competition

**23. Which student was honored in the story?**

- a) The one who ignored classmates
- b) The one who developed tolerance inside and outside class
- c) The one who disobeyed teachers
- d) The one who rejected diversity

**24. Tolerance enables students to live in harmony with:**

- a) Only those of the same religion
- b) Students of various ages, religions, and ethnic groups
- c) Only family members
- d) Only close friends

**25. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of tolerance?**

- a) Respecting diversity
- b) Forcing others to believe in your ideas
- c) Accommodating differences
- d) Peaceful coexistence

#### **Section D: Patriotism**

**26. Patriotism is described as an essential quality of:**

- a) A teacher
- b) A good citizen
- c) A student
- d) A soldier

**27. A patriot should have:**

- a) Love only for himself/herself
- b) A genuine affection for his or her country
- c) Interest only in politics
- d) No concern for the nation's economy

**28. Which of the following aspects should a patriot participate in?**

- a) Only social aspects
- b) Only political aspects
- c) Only economic aspects
- d) Social, political, and economic aspects

**29. . Which of the following best defines a patriot?**

- a) Someone who travels abroad for education
- b) Someone who avoids social responsibilities
- c) Someone who shows genuine affection and participation in their country's affairs
- d) Someone who ignores national issues

**30. According to the passage, Ethiopia's heroes and patriots are remembered**

**because they:**

- a) Became wealthy through trade
- b) Gave their lives for independence and dignity
- c) Worked in government offices
- d) Focused only on economic development