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Civics – 10.1

1. On your own words, please explain the difference between *state* and *nation.* (max 100 words)

The terms state and nation are much related, both involve people, community, territories, and etc. However, there are differences between these two words. A nation is referring to a community or a group of people that share a mutual culture, language, history, and etc. While a state is just a community in a particular territory that is ruled by a government of authority. In a nation, the people are bound to a single unit due to the similarities in culture which include religion, descents, ethnicity, and others. Unlike a state, it’s basically just a territory run by a sovereign government.

1. Why a state needs other states’ recognition? How does it affect that state directly? (max 150 words)

The term recognition basically means identification. So first of all, a state would need other states’ recognition to identify themselves to the different states. There are definitely many states in a country, a country will not consist of only one state. Therefore having other states’ recognition would let them know that they are co-existing within the country. Second of all, recognizing other states is also a form of paying them respect. Respect here means that the state is willing to know of other states, and they don’t think that they are higher or more powerful than other states. Respecting the states will also sure prevent civil wars. Lastly, when a state is experiencing problems whether it’s political, or involving the economy; other states can lend them a hand because they know that they are all recognized. Therefore giving recognition among states is very beneficial.

1. Explain the characteristics of nationalism (patriotic). (max 100 words)

The main characteristic of nationalism is basically showing love to the nation. A person who has a sense of nationalism would be a person who deeply loved his nation. This would mean that he or she would love everything about their nation. The culture, traditions, history, ethnicity, and everything else would be loved and respected. Patriotism is also part of nationalism. A patriotic person will be willing to sacrifice for his nation. Soldiers for example are all patriotic, they love their country so much that they are willing to die in battle. Therefore they also have a sense of nationalism.

1. Explain the application of nationalism spirit in daily life. (minimum 100 words)

The application of nationalism spirit is seen a lot in our daily lives. Anything that would show their love towards their country can be considered as nationalism. For example, an Indonesian boy who is proud of being Indonesian. That boy can already be said to have nationalism spirit because he is proud of his identity as Indonesian. There are other examples like if an Indonesian man decided to work overseas and became successful. After becoming wealthy he decides to share his prosperity with Indonesia, he returns to his nation and gives contributions. That is also a good example of nationalism spirit in daily lives. For me a student, doing the flag ceremony correctly is a good example of nationalism spirit because I am paying respect to my nation. We also sing patriotic songs like the national anthem during flag ceremony, which also proves the nationalism spirit. I believe that nationalism spirit will mostly be felt once we are overseas, the reason to this is because we will miss our country. For instance if we are in America and we witness an Indonesian flag ceremony in the Indonesian embassy, I am sure my heart will experience a rush. I will have this great overwhelming feeling inside me and even though I haven’t actually experience it, I am sure that is the nationalism spirit.