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Discrimination and the caste system .

PREJUDICE AND STEREOTYPES LEAD TO DISCRIMINATION AND DANIEL OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PEOPLE.

In the past, many social evils crept in the erstwhile Indian society. some of these evils are still prevalent and causing a great damage to the society as a whole .

The origins of the caste system in India can be traced back to the ancient times in later Vedic society was divided into four *varnas* or occupational groups .

- The *Brahmans* were expected to perform rituals worship and educate the people .
- The *Kshatriyas* practiced warfare and defend the country .
- The *Vaishyas* carried trade .
- The *Shudras* did menial work and served the other three varnas .

With the passage of time the caste system became rigid and hereditary and an evil .