**Freedom as Emancipation and Development**

One of the most important concepts of political scientists of 19th century was the political emancipation. Among them Rousseau was pioneer. In his book, ‘Social Contract’ Rousseau mentioned about the political freedom. He said that man is social animal and have to free himself from any social and political bondage. In his book he said, “Man is born free but everywhere he is in chains.”

**Meaning of Emancipation and Development**

Emancipation is a process of being set free from legal, social, political restriction. It is a state of being thus set free, liberation, used of slaves, minors or a person from prejudices. Thus, emancipation refers to freeing someone from the control of another. The fundamental question to this kind of freedom is that by whom am I governed? Rather than how much am I governed? It is an act of setting free from the power of another, from slavery, subjection or controlling influence. It is any effort to procure economic, social and political rights or equality. In simple words emancipation means to be free from any dominance, suppress, oppress and exploitation. On the basis of situation and society the concept may be vary. In some where it may means the freedom against foreign rule and some where it freedom from feudalism. Again in some society the movement may be against the patriarchal system i.e. the feminism. In Russia and China it was against the feudal system.

**Why Freedom is essential for Emancipation and Development?**

Both negative freedom and positive freedom strongly explains and advocates the freedom of individual for his emancipation and development.

1. The individual should have freedom of action both developing his faculties and achieving his goals in society.
2. Freedom is a means demands realizing one’s own emancipation from the irrationalism and unnecessary socio-economic-political and cultural obstacles which are faced by individual in society.
3. Freedom is essential from all types of discrimination, exploitation, and restrains prevailing in our society in the name of caste, creeds, religion, gender, place of birth etc.
4. Positive freedom is essential for self- realizing, self- emancipation, and self- development 6r self-mastery.
5. Negative freedom means absence of restraints which positively means free form ignorance, poverty, exploitation, inequality, injustice and any kind of discrimination prevail in society. In other words negative freedom is also a means to achieve the goals of individual i.e., to emancipate from any kind of restraints which in turn helps to develop himself.

In conclusion, it can be said that both negative and positive freedom are essential constituent for emancipation and development of individual.