

Lesson-3

Government

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct answer:

1. The government of Delhi would look after _____.
(a) Uttar Pradesh (b) neighbouring areas. (c) **Delhi** (d) entire country.
2. To provide justice is the responsibility of _____.
(a) The legislative (b) the executive (c) **the judiciary** (d) the government.
3. To make new laws is the task of _____.
(a) **The legislative** (b) the executive (c) the judiciary (d) the government.
4. When people talk about the government, they are actually referring to _____.
(a) **The Prime Minister** (b) The Home Minister.
(c) The Chief Minister. (d) The executive

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. A government is formed through the procedure of **elections.**
2. The third level of the government is called the **local** government.
3. The level of the government which looks after the entire country is called the **Central / Union government.**
4. Department of Education comes under the Ministry of **Human Resources.**
5. The central government looks after the affairs of the whole **country.**

C. Correct the sentences.

1. There is only one Supreme Court in India.
2. Union or Central government defends the country.
3. There are three organs of the government.
4. All levels of government are not equal.
5. The legislature in our country is called the Parliament.

D. Answer these questions in brief:

1. **Name the three organs of the government?**

Ans.1 Three organs of the government are Legislative, executive and Judiciary.

2. How many levels of government are there?

Ans.2 There are three levels of government.

3. What is the role of the Judiciary?

Ans.3 The role of the Judiciary is to punish the law-breakers.

4 List two facilities that are provided by the government?

Ans.4 Two facilities that are provided by the government are Health care and public transport.

5. List three major functions of the Union Government?

Ans.5 Three major functions of the Union Government are:

1. Maintaining law and order.
2. Protecting international boundaries of the country.
3. Providing facilities like railways, postal services, healthcare etc.

6. List two functions of the state government?

Ans.6 Two functions of the state government are:

1. Providing facilities like, postal services, healthcare, transports etc
2. To provide educational facilities.

7. List two functions of the local government?

Ans.7 Two functions of the local government are:-

1. To build and maintains roads with the city.
2. To build and maintain public parks and gardens.

E. Answer the questions in detail:

1. What are the functions of the government?

Ans.1 The functions of the government are:-

1. Collecting tax and revenue.
2. Resolve interstate conflicts in case of federal structure.
3. Protecting citizens from natural disasters and managing disasters.
4. Conducting foreign policy for peaceful relations with rest of the world.
5. Provide facilities like railways, postal services, housing healthcare and education to all citizens.
6. Protecting international boundaries of the country.

2 Why is the state government important?

Ans.2 The state government is important as the government cannot manage a big country and cannot carry out all its functions on its own. The state government manages looks after all the affairs of the state and within the state. It takes care that all the citizens living in a state get facilities like public transport, education, health care etc. A state can be a large unit for only one government to manage as every street and corner of the state has to be administered.

3. Local government helps in taking care of the smallest issues of a place?

Ans.3 The local government helps in taking care of the small issues of a place. The local government looks after the issues of small towns and villages. It helps in providing public health facilities in village and towns. For example. The water supply of a city or town is taken care of by the local government. Towns The local government also collects taxes from the towns and village that come under its area.

4. Why is it important to share the work of the government?

Ans.4 The government cannot manage all the issues of the country as the country is large and there are many citizens. So the government has to share its responsibilities as to ensure smooth and efficiently working of the government.

5. Can one organ of the government be considered more important than the other? Give reasons for your answer?

Ans.5 No, none of the organs of the government can be considered more important because the separation of powers in a democracy is to prevent abuse of power and to safeguard freedom for all. The system of separation of powers divides the tasks of the state into three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. These tasks are assigned to different institutions in such a way that each of them can check the others. As a result, no one institution can become so powerful in a democracy as to destroy the other. Checks and balances make sure that the three powers interact in an equitable and balanced way.

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