The primary purpose of Expression Language (EL) in JSP is to simplify the display of data within JSP pages by providing a more concise way to access variables and attributes from different scopes (page, request, session, application) compared to using Java expressions or scriptlets.

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The correct syntax for an EL expression is \${expression}.

The 'empty' operator in EL evaluates to true if an attribute does not exist in the request.
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The main goal of JSTL is to simplify the work of web designers by replacing Java scriptlets with tags, providing a more designer-friendly syntax.

The <c:set /> tag in JSTL is used to define a variable.
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The purpose of the <c:out /> tag in JSTL is to display an expression, similar to \${expression}.