



Question-8

Mention the 2 houses of the Indian Parliament.

Solution:

The 2 Houses of the Indian Parliament are

1. The Rajya Sabha
2. The Lok Sabha

Question-9

Write a brief note on the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha.

Solution:

Rajya Sabha

The Rajya Sabha functions primarily as the representative of the states of India, in the Parliament. There are 233 elected members plus 12 members nominated by the President. The members of the Rajya Sabha are elected by the elected members of the Legislative Assemblies of various states. The Rajya Sabha plays an important role of reviewing and altering the laws initiated by the Lok Sabha.

Lok Sabha

The Lok Sabha, known as the House of the People, with a total membership of 543, is presided over by the Speaker. The country is divided into 543 Lok Sabha constituencies. During a Lok Sabha election, people from different political parties stand for elections. Once elected, these candidates become Members of Parliament or MPs. These MPs together make up the Parliament.

Question-10

What are the three major duties of the Parliament?

Solution:

The three major duties of the Parliament are...

1. To Select the National Government
2. To Control, Guide and Inform the Government
3. Law-Making

Question-11

How is a National government selected?

Solution:

After the Lok Sabha elections, a list is prepared showing how many MPs belonging to each political party have won the elections. The Political party which has the majority of MPs will form the National government.

A majority Party should have at least 272 MPs, that is, more than half of the total number of MPs in the Lok Sabha.

Question-12

What is 'Question hour' in Parliament?

Solution:

The first hour of every sitting during a Parliament Session is called the Question Hour. During 'Question hour' Questions are posed by members to specific government ministries. The concerned Ministries have to answer these Questions on a fixed date. The Questions asked during 'Question Hour' highlights the shortcomings of the Government and also bring to light the opinion of the citizen through their representatives, namely the MPs.

This Question Hour helps the Parliament to control the Executive (Government).

Question-13

Write a brief note on the Members of Parliament.

Solution:

The Members of Parliament are from different backgrounds. Many members are from rural areas and from regional parties.

Groups and peoples that were not unrepresented so far, are beginning to get elected to the Parliament. Today there are more number of people from the Dalit and backward castes and the minorities, in Parliament.

It is good to have representatives in the Parliament from all sections of society, so that every Indian will be represented in the decision-making body.

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