

Why do you need parliament

Q1. Define the following:

Ans.

(i) UAF:- Universal Adult Franchise. In this principle, all adult citizens of the country

have the right to vote.

(ii) Coalition Government:- It refers to the alliance formed by political parties after

elections when no party has been able to get adequate seats to form a clear majority.

(iii) Executive:- It is a smaller group of people who are responsible for implementing

laws and running the govt . They include CM, PM, Council of Minister.

(iv) Constituency:- A state is divided into several parts. From each area a MD is elected

to control that area.

(v) Opposition:- The party which loses the election is called the opposition.

Q2. What role does the parliament play in the functioning of the government?

· The Parliament which is made up of all representatives controls and guides the

government.

· The question hour is an important mechanism through which MPS can elicit information

absent the working of the govt.

· The Parliament also have a significant role in law –making.

· The Rajya Sabha functions primarily as the representative if the states of India in the

Parliament.

· The Rajya Sabha can also initiate legislation and a bill is required to pass through the

Rajya Sabha in order to become a law. It, therefore, has an important role of reviewing

and altering the laws initiated by the Lok Sabha.

Q3. How are the members of the Rajya Sabha elected?

Ans. The members of the Rajya Sabha are elected by the elected members of the Legislative

assemblies of various states, There are 233 elected members plus 12 members nominated by the

President.

Q4. Why do you think reservation of Dalits and woman is important ion India?

· It has been observed that representative democracy cannot produce a perfect reflection

of society.

· There is a realization that when interests and experiences separate, then it is important to

ensure that communities that have been historically marginalized are given adequate

representation.

· Similarly, it has more recently been suggested that there should be reservation of seats

for woman.

With this in mind, some seats are reserved in the Parliament for SCs and STs. This has been

done so that the MPs elected from these constituencies will be familiar with and can represent

Dalit and Adivasi interests in Parliament.

Q5. What role does the opposition party play in the healthy functioning of a democracy?

· The Opposition party asks questions absent the working and managing the country in the

Parliament by asking questions the government is alerted to its shortcomings, and also

comes to know the opinion of the people through their representatives in the Parliament.