

Unit 3. Lesson 4

The need for law

Exercise 1: Match the Definitions. Match each vocabulary term on the left with its correct definition on the right.

1. Legislation a) The system of rules that a particular country or community recognizes as regulating the actions of its members.
2. Justice b) The process of making or enacting laws.
3. Legal System c) Fairness and impartiality in the treatment of others, especially in the distribution of rights and opportunities.
4. Enforcement d) The act of compelling observance of or compliance with a law, rule, or obligation.
5. Compliance e) The act of following or adhering to laws, regulations, or standards.

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blanks. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank below.

1. _____ ensures that individuals are treated fairly and that their rights are protected.
2. _____ is the process of creating, amending, or repealing laws.
3. A _____ consists of a set of rules and institutions established by a government to maintain order and resolve disputes.
4. The _____ of laws is essential to ensure that they are followed and upheld.
5. _____ with laws helps maintain social order and stability within a society.

Word Bank: a) Justice b) Legislation c) Legal System d) Enforcement e) Compliance

Exercise 3: True or False. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Legislation refers to the process of enforcing laws.
2. Justice involves fairness and impartiality in the treatment of individuals.

3. Compliance with laws is not necessary for maintaining social order.
4. The legal system consists of rules and institutions established by a government.
5. Enforcement ensures that laws are followed and upheld.

Reading task:

Understanding the Importance of Law in Society

Law serves as the backbone of any civilized society, providing a framework for maintaining order, resolving conflicts, and protecting the rights and freedoms of individuals. Without law, society would descend into chaos, with no means of regulating behavior or resolving disputes peacefully.

One of the primary functions of law is to establish a set of rules and standards that govern the conduct of individuals and institutions. These rules are designed to promote fairness, justice, and equality for all members of society. Laws cover a wide range of areas, including criminal justice, civil rights, property rights, contract law, and much more.

Furthermore, law acts as a mechanism for resolving conflicts and disputes that inevitably arise in social interactions. Through the legal system, individuals have access to a structured process for seeking redress for grievances and resolving conflicts in a fair and impartial manner. Whether it's a contractual dispute, a criminal case, or a disagreement over property rights, the law provides a framework for adjudicating disputes and reaching resolutions that are binding and enforceable.

Moreover, law serves as a tool for promoting social cohesion and stability within society. By establishing clear rules and consequences for behavior, law helps to deter unlawful conduct and maintain order. It provides a sense of predictability and certainty, allowing individuals to plan their lives and conduct their affairs with confidence.

Additionally, law plays a crucial role in protecting the rights and freedoms of individuals. It ensures that everyone is treated equally under the law and that no one is subjected to arbitrary or unjust treatment. Through legal mechanisms such as due

process, habeas corpus, and the presumption of innocence, the law safeguards individual liberties and prevents abuses of power by the government or other entities.

In conclusion, law is an indispensable pillar of society, providing structure, stability, and protection for its members. By establishing rules, resolving conflicts, and safeguarding rights, law contributes to the functioning and well-being of civilized communities.

Questions:

What are some primary functions of law in society?

- a) Maintaining chaos and disorder
- b) Establishing rules and standards, resolving conflicts, and protecting rights
- c) Limiting access to justice for certain individuals

How does law contribute to resolving conflicts and disputes?

- a) By promoting chaos and disorder
- b) By providing a structured process for seeking redress and reaching resolutions
- c) By ignoring conflicts and disputes altogether

What role does law play in promoting social cohesion and stability?

- a) It encourages unlawful conduct and disorder
- b) It establishes clear rules and consequences for behavior
- c) It undermines social cohesion by creating uncertainty

How does law protect the rights and freedoms of individuals?

- a) By subjecting everyone to arbitrary treatment
- b) By ensuring equal treatment under the law and preventing abuses of power
- c) By limiting individual liberties and freedoms

Why is law considered indispensable to society?

- a) Because it promotes chaos and disorder
- b) Because it provides structure, stability, and protection for its members
- c) Because it encourages arbitrary treatment and abuses of power

LISTENING GAP FILL

Without laws the _____. OK, maybe the actual Earth might not end, but _____ it would end. We'd all end up fighting and killing each other. It would become _____ the strongest, or perhaps the survival of the nastiest. If there were no laws, people _____. There'd be no police or courts _____. Law is very important. It keeps order in our society. Our laws started thousands of years ago. Many of today's laws were _____. New laws need to be made every day. Especially in today's world, where the Internet is so important. It's very difficult to keep _____ with new developments. The latest area of law is intellectual property. It's important that people's ideas _____.

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