

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ
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CLASS – 12 D
SUBJECT – POLITICAL SCIENCE
WORKSHEET-3
CHAPTER- THE LEGISLATURE

NOTE- Parents please ensure that your ward refers to the textbook ISC class 12 Political Science- K.K. Ghai and the websites google.com, www.extramarks.com , <https://www.wikipedia.org> , for at least two days to read the topic.

Introduction

Government is the agency or magistracy which exercises the power of the state over all its people and areas. The Government formulates, expresses and enforces the will of the state. It is done through its basic organs: Legislature, Executive and Judiciary. Out of the three organs of the government, the place of primacy belongs to the Legislature. The legislature is that organ of the government which is concerned with the making of laws.

In a democratic political system, the legislature plays an important role through the performance of several key functions.

The legislature of the USA is known as the Congress. The US Congress is a bi-cameral legislature. Its two houses are (i) House of Representatives and (ii) Senate.

House of Representatives –The House of Representatives is the lower, popular and directly elected house of the U.S. Congress. The House of Representatives consists of 435 directly elected representatives of the people. The members to the House are elected for two years. They are eligible to get re-elected and there is no limit on it.

Senate- The Senate is the second but more powerful house of the U.S. Congress. It enjoys a bigger share of power in the Congress. It has the distinction of being the most powerful second chamber in the world. The Senate occupies a pivotal

position in the constitutional system. There are 50 states of the U.S. federation and each elects two representatives to the Senate. Hence, there are 100 members in the Senate. The Senators are elected for a term of six years and are eligible for re-election.

1. Answer briefly:-

- a) What is a Government?
- b) What are the three essential organs of a government?
- c) What is Bi-cameral legislature?
- d) What is the strength of the House of Representatives?
- e) How are members of the House of Representatives elected?
- f) What is the tenure of the House of Representatives?
- g) State two Judicial functions of the House of Representatives.
- h) What majority is required in both the houses of the US Congress to pass the amendment bill?
- i) What is the composition of the Senate?
- j) What is the term of the Senate?
- k) How are the members of the Senate elected according to the 17th Amendment of the US constitution?
- l) How many members of the Senate retire after every two years?
- m) In 1999, which treaty was not approved by the Senate?
- n) What is Senatorial Courtesy?

2. Answer in detail:-

- a) Discuss any six important functions of a Legislature.
- b) Explain the following powers and functions of the House of Representatives:-
- i) Legislative powers
 - ii) Financial powers
 - iii) Executive functions
 - iv) Electoral functions
- c) Discuss the special powers of the Senate:-
- i) Role in Appointment-making
 - ii) Power to ratify Treaties
 - iii) Court of Impeachment
- d) What are the Legislative, Financial and Investigating powers of the Senate?
- e) 'The Senate is the strongest second chamber in the world.' Discuss. (Any four points).

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