

Long Answer Questions

Q. 1. Why are laws required?

Ans. Laws are required:

- (i) To prevent people from several unjust social practices.
- (ii) To prohibit the practice of untouchability which was the cause of suffering for millions of people.
- (iii) To ensure equality among the citizens of India.
- (iv) To provide systems to regulate activities, to derive the maximum benefit from all types of resources.

The parliament plays an important role in making laws. For this, it has to be sensitive to the needs of the people.

For example: To protect women from domestic injury and violence by husband, the Parliament enacted a law in 2006, called the Protection of women from Domestic Violence Act 2005.

Q. 2. Describe the Rowlatt Act, an arbitrary law with example.

Ans. The Rowlatt Act, an arbitrary law allowed the British government to imprison people without due trial.

Example:

The Rowlatt Act came into effect on 10 March 1919. In Punjab, protests against this act continued quite actively and on April 10, two leaders of the movement, Dr. Satya Pal and Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew were arrested. To protest their arrests, a public meeting was held on 13 April at Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar. General Dyer entered the park with his troops. They closed the only exit and without giving any warning General Dyer ordered the troops to fire. Several hundreds of people died in this gun fire and many more were wounded including women and children.