

## Long Answer Questions

**Q. 1. What is the role of Rajya Sabha in the Parliament?**

**Ans. (i)** The Rajya Sabha functions primarily as the representative of the states of India in the Parliament.

**(ii)** It can also initiate legislation and a bill is required to pass through Rajya Sabha in order to become a law.

**(iii)** It has an important role of reviewing, altering the laws initiated by the Lok Sabha.

**Q. 2. Briefly describe the main functions of Parliament.**

**Ans.** The main functions of Parliament are:

**(i) Legislation or Law Making:** The primary function of the Parliament is legislation. It has the power to make new laws, amend or abolish the laws. It shares the power of legislation on the subjects in the concurrent list with the state legislature.

**(ii) Control Over Financial Matters:** The Parliament exercises full control over the finances of the Union government. Every year the government places 'Budget' before the Parliament.

**(iii) To Control, Guide and Inform the Government:** The Parliament begins with the question hour during the session. Question hour is an important mechanism through which MPs can elicit information about the working of the government.

**(iv) Control Over Executives:** Both the houses exercise control over the executives through asking questions, discussing, debating, adjourning motions and by appointing various committees.