

## **Short Answer Questions**

**Q. 1. Why is judiciary important?**

**Ans.** Judiciary is important as it performs several interpretative functions like settlement of disputes, judicial precedents and protection of Fundamental Rights and enforces rule of law.

**Q. 2. Briefly explain the three different levels of courts in our country.**

**Ans. (i)** The Indian judiciary consists of one Supreme Court which is the highest judiciary authority in our country, located in New Delhi and presided by the Chief Justice of India.

**(ii)** The High court is at the state level which is the highest judicial authority in a state.

**(iii)** The District court is at the district level.

**Q. 3. Describe Public Interest Litigation.**

**Ans.** Public Interest Litigation or PIL is a mechanism to increase access to justice. It allows any individual or organisation to file a PIL in the High Court or the Supreme Court on behalf of those whose rights are being violated.