

POLITICAL SCIENCE · CHAPTER 5

Legislature

A 1-page guide for parents · 90-second read.

EXPECTED MARKS

A well-prepared student should comfortably score 7-8 out of 8. Below 4 usually signals confusion between the two Houses or omission of article numbers.

TIME TO MASTER

6-8 hrs

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WHAT THIS CHAPTER IS, IN PLAIN ENGLISH

This chapter explains how India's law-making body — Parliament — actually works. Your child learns that Parliament has two Houses: the Lok Sabha (elected directly for five years) and the Rajya Sabha (representing the States, a permanent House where one-third retire every two years). The chapter covers how a proposal becomes a law through three readings, what happens on disagreement (a joint sitting), the special powers of the Rajya Sabha (Articles 249, 312), Money Bills vs Ordinary Bills, and the tools — Question Hour, Zero Hour, motions, committees, no-confidence — by which Parliament keeps the government answerable. It also covers the Speaker's role and the anti-defection law. Worth 6-8 marks.

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD

- What is the difference between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha — in composition, tenure and powers?
- Walk me through how a bill becomes a law in Parliament — what are the three readings?
- What is a Money Bill, and how is it different from an Ordinary Bill?
- Name four ways Parliament controls the executive day-to-day.
- What is the anti-defection law, and why was it introduced in 1985?

WEAK-SPOT INDICATORS

- Says Parliament is only the Lok Sabha — forgets the Rajya Sabha and the President.
- Cannot name the three readings of a bill.
- Confuses Question Hour and Zero Hour.
- Thinks a no-confidence motion can be moved in either House.

WHEN TO WORRY — AND WHAT TO DO

If your child cannot CLEARLY describe (a) the bill-becomes-Act journey through three readings and (b) at least four instruments of parliamentary control, they will lose 5-6 marks here. The fix is structured answer-writing practice — Political Science scoring depends on naming articles and listing point-wise.

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