

Class 12 Legal Studies PYQ

Legal Profession in India

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 Advocates, Bar Councils, ethics and legal careers

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Source note: This is not a reproduced board-paper extract. It is a transparent NCERT-theme-based practice set covering advocates, legal education, enrolment, Bar Councils, professional ethics, disciplinary control, legal aid and legal careers.

Section	Marks	Count
Very Short Answer	1 mark	8
Short Answer	2 marks	6
Three-Mark Questions	3 marks	6
Long Answer	5 marks	4
Case-Based Practice	4 marks	3

Very Short Answer

1 mark

- 1 What is meant by the legal profession?
- 2 Name the statutory body that regulates advocates in India.

- 3 Who is an advocate under the Advocates Act, 1961?
- 4 State one function of the Bar Council of India.
- 5 What is professional ethics in legal practice?
- 6 Name one officer of the court connected with advocacy.
- 7 What is meant by legal education?
- 8 State one duty of an advocate towards the court.

Short Answer

2 marks

- 1 Write two features of the legal profession in India.
- 2 Mention two functions of State Bar Councils.
- 3 Differentiate between an advocate and a lawyer in common usage.
- 4 Why is professional conduct important for advocates?
- 5 Mention two career options available after legal education.
- 6 Write two responsibilities of advocates towards clients.

Three-Mark Questions

3 marks

- 1 Explain the role of the Bar Council of India in regulating legal education and practice.
- 2 Describe how professional ethics maintain dignity and trust in the legal profession.
- 3 Explain the duties of an advocate towards the court, client and opponent.
- 4 How do enrolment and disciplinary rules help regulate advocates in India?
- 5 Why should legal professionals balance client interest with the administration of justice?
- 6 Explain the connection between legal education, advocacy skills and access to justice.

Long Answer

5 marks

- 1 Discuss the meaning, growth and importance of the legal profession in India.
- 2 Explain the statutory framework for regulation of advocates with reference to the Advocates Act, 1961 and Bar Councils.
- 3 Analyse the major duties and ethical responsibilities of advocates in the Indian legal system.

- 4 Describe the changing nature of the legal profession, including litigation, corporate practice, legal aid, research and alternative dispute resolution.

Case-Based Practice

4 marks

- 1 A newly enrolled advocate receives confidential information from a client and is asked to use unfair pressure on the opposite party. Identify four ethical points that should guide the advocate.
- 2 A law graduate wants to practise before courts in India. Mention four steps or institutions connected with enrolment and regulation.
- 3 A complaint alleges misconduct by an advocate. Explain four concerns that a Bar Council should consider while handling the matter.

Quick Revision Grid

Use before attempting the PDF

Legal Profession Revision Map

Connect institution, entry route, duty and accountability

Institution

Bar Council of India, State Bar Councils, courts and legal education bodies

Entry Route

law degree, enrolment, professional standards and continuing learning

Duties

court dignity, client confidentiality, fairness and honest representation

Accountability

discipline, ethical rules, legal aid and public confidence

Strong answers link advocacy with justice, ethics and public trust.

Topic	Must revise	Common error to avoid
Legal profession	meaning, court role, client service and public duty	Writing only career options
Advocates Act, 1961	enrolment, regulation and disciplinary control	Forgetting the statutory framework
Bar Councils	BCI, State Bar Councils, legal education and professional standards	Calling every Bar Council decision a court judgment
Professional ethics	confidentiality, fairness, court dignity and honest conduct	Treating ethics as optional manners
Careers and access	litigation, corporate practice, legal aid, ADR, research and policy	Ignoring access to justice and rule of law

Answer Writing Map

For 3 and 5 mark questions

Legal Profession PYQ Answer Map**1**

Identify the focus: advocate, Bar Council, ethics, enrolment or career path

2

Name the source: Advocates Act, 1961, Bar Council rule or court duty

3

Explain the legal role with one practical example from professional conduct

4

Close with justice, public confidence, access to law and rule of law

Avoid writing career options only. Add regulator, duty and ethical purpose.

- Start with the exact institution, duty or rule named in the question.
- Name the statute, Bar Council role or ethical rule where useful.
- Explain how the rule protects courts, clients and public confidence.
- End by linking the answer to justice, rule of law and access to legal services.