

Judiciary PYQ

Class 12 Legal Studies Chapter 1 revision for 2026-27

Courts

Supreme Court, High Courts and subordinate courts

Powers

jurisdiction, writs, review and constitutional guard

PYQ

board-style practice with clear source note

Answer

forum, power, principle and example

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Section	Marks	Count
A: Very Short Answer	1 mark	4
B: Short Answer	2 marks	4
C: Three-Mark Questions	3 marks	4
D: Long Answer	5 marks	3
E: Case-Based Practice	4 marks	2

Section A: Very Short Answer

- What is meant by the term judiciary? [NCERT-theme board-style practice]
- Name the highest court in India. [NCERT-theme board-style practice]
- What is judicial review? [NCERT-theme board-style practice]
- State one reason why judicial independence is important. [NCERT-theme board-style practice]
- [NCERT-theme board-style practice]

Section B: Short Answer

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- Write two functions of the judiciary in India.
[CBSE board-style short answer]
 - Differentiate between original jurisdiction and appellate jurisdiction.
[CBSE board-style short answer]
 - Mention two safeguards that help maintain independence of the judiciary.
[CBSE board-style short answer]
 - Why are writs important for protection of Fundamental Rights?
[CBSE board-style short answer]
 - [CBSE board-style short answer]

Section C: Three-Mark Questions

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- Explain the role of the Supreme Court as the guardian of the Constitution.
[CBSE board-style analytical question]
 - Describe the meaning and importance of separation of powers in relation to the judiciary.
[CBSE board-style analytical question]
 - How does public interest litigation make justice more accessible?
[CBSE board-style analytical question]
 - Explain how judicial review checks arbitrary action by the legislature or executive.
[CBSE board-style analytical question]
 - [CBSE board-style analytical question]

Section D: Long Answer

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- Discuss the structure and major functions of the Indian judiciary with reference to the Supreme Court, High Courts and subordinate courts.
[CBSE board-style long answer]
 - Analyse the importance of independence of judiciary for rule of law, Fundamental Rights and democratic governance.
[CBSE board-style long answer]
 - Explain the powers of the Supreme Court of India, including original, appellate, advisory and writ jurisdiction.
[CBSE board-style long answer]
 - [CBSE board-style long answer]

Section E: Case-Based Practice

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- A law passed by the legislature is challenged for violating Fundamental Rights. Identify four points a court may examine while using judicial review.
[CBSE board-style case question]
 - A citizen claims illegal detention by a public authority. Explain four legal ideas connected with writ jurisdiction and access to justice.
[CBSE board-style case question]
 - [CBSE board-style case question]

Quick Revision Grid

Judiciary Revision Map

Connect the institution, power, safeguard and remedy

Structure

Supreme Court, High Courts and subordinate courts

Power

original, appellate, writ, advisory and review roles

Safeguard

security of tenure, salary protection and separation

Access

PIL, writs, legal aid and fair procedure

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Topic	Revise	Answer cue
Court structure	Supreme Court, High Courts and subordinate courts	show hierarchy and function
Jurisdiction	original, appellate, advisory, writ and review	match power with example
Independence	appointment, tenure, salary and separation	connect to rule of law
Access to justice	PIL, legal aid, writs and fair procedure	connect to rights protection

Answer Writing Map

Judiciary Answer Map

Use this four-part frame for 3 and 5 mark answers

1. Define

state the legal idea in one direct sentence

2. Locate

name the court, power or constitutional source

3. Explain

show how the power protects rights or rule of law

4. Apply

add an example such as writ, review, PIL or appeal

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