

1. Polity

1) Consider the following statements regarding Lok Sabha.

1. The work and conduct of the Speaker cannot be discussed and criticized in the Lok Sabha except on a substantive motion.
2. No discussion on a matter of general public importance can take place except on a motion made with the consent of the Speaker.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: c)

The work and conduct of the Speaker cannot be discussed and criticized in the Lok Sabha except on a substantive motion: This is done with a view to safeguard the independence and Impartiality of the office of the Speaker as it is vested with great prestige, position and authority.

No discussion on a matter of general public importance can take place except on a motion made with the consent of the Speaker/Chairman as the case may be.

2) Which of these is/are some of the general characteristics of Parliamentary committees?

1. All members should be elected by the house.
2. It presents its report to the Speaker or the Chairman of the house.
3. It must have the status of a consultative committee with any Ministry at the Centre.

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2 only
- c) 1, 2
- d) 3 only

Solution: b)

A parliamentary committee means a committee that:

- Is appointed or elected by the House or nominated by the Speaker/Chairman.
- Works under the direction of the Speaker / Chairman
- Presents its report to the House or to the Speaker / Chairman.
- Has a secretariat provided by the Lok Sabha / Rajya Sabha.

The consultative committees, which also consist of members of Parliament, are not parliamentary committees as they do not fulfill above four conditions.

3) Consider the following statements regarding the terms of the Office of the Governor.

1. The Governor can resign at any time by addressing a resignation letter to the Chief Minister of the State.
2. The Constitution does not lay down the grounds upon which a governor may be removed by the President.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2