

General Awareness

Parliament

Structure and Composition of Parliament

Article No.	Title / Subject	Key Provisions / Description
Article 79	Constitution of Parliament	Parliament = President + Lok Sabha + Rajya Sabha
Article 80	Composition of Rajya Sabha	Max strength = 250 - 238 elected by states/UTs - 12 nominated by President
Article 81	Composition of Lok Sabha	Max strength = 552 - 530 from states, 20 from UTs, 2 Anglo-Indians (removed by 104th Amendment)
Article 82	Readjustment after census	Delimitation of constituencies after every census
Article 83	Duration of Houses	Rajya Sabha: permanent, 1/3rd retire every 2 yrs Lok Sabha: 5 years (can be dissolved earlier)
Article 84	Qualifications for MP	Must be Indian citizen, 25 yrs for LS, 30 yrs for RS, etc.
Article 85	Sessions of Parliament	President summons each House; max 6-month gap allowed
Article 86	President's Address	Right to address and send messages to Parliament
Article 87	Special Address	President addresses both Houses at the start of first session each year and first session after general elections

Important Parliamentary Committees

Committee Name	Type	Composition	Key Functions / Purpose
Public Accounts Committee (PAC)	Financial Committee	22 members (15 from Lok Sabha, 7 from Rajya Sabha)	Examines audit reports of the CAG, ensures public money is used efficiently .
Estimates Committee	Financial Committee	30 members from Lok Sabha only	Suggests economies and improvements in public expenditure.
Committee on Public Undertakings (COPU)	Financial Committee	22 members (15 LS + 7 RS)	Reviews functioning of PSUs and examines CAG reports on PSUs.

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