Worksheet: Constitution as a Living Document

West Bengal State Board · Class 11 · Political Science · 3 questions · 14 marks

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Q1. For each of the following provisions, identify which type of amendment procedure would be required to change it, and explain why:
(a) Article 368 itself (the amendment procedure)
(b) The salary of judges of the Supreme Court
(c) The distribution of powers between Centre and States *[4 marks]*

Q2. What is the Basic Structure Doctrine? Explain its origin in the Kesavananda Bharati case (1973). Why is it considered the most important judicial contribution to Indian constitutional law? *[4 marks]*

Q3. Compare the 42nd Constitutional Amendment (1976) and the 44th Constitutional Amendment (1978). What did each change, why were these changes made, and what does the comparison reveal about how constitutional amendments can both threaten and restore constitutional values? *[6 marks]*