
Worksheet: Judiciary

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Q1. Match each situation with the appropriate writ and explain why that writ applies:

- (a) A journalist is arrested without any charge and held in police custody for 15 days
 - (b) A municipal officer refuses to register a citizen's complaint despite being legally required to do so
 - (c) A person falsely claims to be a retired IAS officer and applies for benefits meant for government employees
 - (d) A lower court passes an order that clearly falls outside its legal jurisdiction *[4 marks]*
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Q2. Explain THREE mechanisms that ensure the independence of India's Supreme Court judges from the executive branch. Why is judicial independence essential for constitutional democracy? *[4 marks]*

Q3. Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has transformed the Supreme Court from an elite forum into a people's court. Explain the origin and working of PIL. Evaluate its positive impact AND the concerns raised about 'judicial overreach.' *[6 marks]*
