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Ans. The Supreme Court in the early 1980s devised a mechanism of Public Interest Litigation or PIL to increase access to justice. It allowed any individual or organisation to file a PIL in the High Court or the Supreme Court on behalf of those whose rights were being violated. The legal process was greatly simplified and even a letter or telegram addressed to the Supreme Court or the High Court could be treated as a PIL.

Q2. What is the need of an independent judiciary in a democracy?

Ans. Independent judiciary is essential to democracy because

- i. It allows the courts to work independently, without being under the influence of the rich and powerful people or other branches of the state like – the legislature and the executive.
- ii. The court can play a crucial role in protecting the Fundamental Rights of the citizens as well as enforce the rule of law.

Q3. Write a brief note on the independence of the judiciary.

Ans. One aspect of this independence is the 'separation of powers'. This means here is that other branches of government – the legislature and the executive – cannot interfere in the work of the judiciary. The courts are not under the government and do not act on their behalf. All judges in the High Court as well as the Supreme Court are appointed with very little interference from these other branches of government. Once appointed to this office, it is also very difficult to remove a judge.