**EXERCISES** 

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### Question 1.

You read that one of the main functions of the judiciary is 'upholding the law and Enforcing Fundamental Rights'. Why do you think an independent judiciary is necessary to carry out this important function?

#### **Answer:**

 As it ensures that there is no misuse of power by the legislature and executive.

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### **Question 2.**

Re-read the list of Fundamental Rights provided in Chapter 1. How do you think the Right to Constitutional Remedies connects to the idea of judicial review?

#### **Answer:**

Right to Constitutional Remedies declares that citizens can go to court for justice if they believe that any of their Fundamental Rights have been violated by the State. Hence the independence of the judiciary is necessary to uphold the rights of the citizens.

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### **Question 3.**

Why do you think the introduction of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the 1980s is a significant step in ensuring access to justice for all?

#### **Answer:**

Access to courts has always been difficult for a vast majority of the poor in India. The poor who are illiterate and financially weak find it difficult going to court to get justice.

### **Question 4.**

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Re-read excerpts from the judgment on the Olga Tellis vs. Bombay Municipal Corporation case. Now write in your own words what the judges meant when they said that the Right to Livelihood was part of the Right to Life.

#### **Answer:**

■ They only choose a pavement or a slum which is nearest to their place of work. Their plea is that the right to life is misleading. They rely on article 21 which guarantees hat no person should be deprived of its rights.

### **Question 5.**

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- Keeping sudha goel case in mind, tick the sentences (true and false)
- (a) The accused took the case to the high court because they were unhappy with the decision of the Trail court.
- (b) They went to High Court after the supreme court had given its decision.
- (c) If they do not like the Supreme Court verdict, the accused can go back again to the Trial Court.