

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL BURAIDAH
Class: 6 Saudi History & Culture Worksheet No. 4

Fill in the blanks:

1. Saudi Arabia is a monarchy based on Islam.
2. The King of Saudi Arabia is the prime minister as well as the commander in chief of the military.
3. The crown prince is the second in line to the throne.
4. Established in 1953 by King Saud, the cabinet was restricted by laws in 1993.
5. The King acts as the final court of appeal and can issue pardon.

Answer the following questions:

1. What does the basic law of Saudi Arabian Government specify?

Ans. The basic law specifies that the king must be chosen from among the sons and grandsons of the first king, King Abdul Aziz Al Saud, and the Quran. It was this law that declared the Quran as the constitution of the State.

2. How many government ministries are part of the cabinet? Who are the members of the Cabinet?

Ans. There are 22 government ministries that are the part of the cabinet. The cabinet consists of -

- i. the Prime Minister (the King),
- ii. the Deputy Prime Minister (the Crown Prince),
- iii. 21 other Ministers
- iv. seven ministers of state.

3. What has been the source of Saudi Arabia's basic system of government?

Ans. Shari'ah (Islamic Law) has been the pillar and source of Saudi Arabia's basic system of government.

4. Name the legislative body that advises the King on important issues. How many members are a part of it?

Ans. The Consultative Council (Majlis Al-Shura) is the legislative body that advises the King on important issues. 150 members are part of this.