

**The United Nations**

**Q.1. When and why was the United Nations founded?**

**Ans.** The UNO was formed on October 24, 1945, soon after the Second World War was over. It was formed to maintain international peace and security and obtaining relation in solving international social, economic, political, cultural and humanitarian problems.

**Q.2. List the main objectives of the UN.**

**Ans.** The main objectives of United Nations are:

1. To maintain international peace and security.
2. To develop friendly relationship among nations based on respect for equal rights and the right to self-determination of the people.
3. To promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedom for all.
4. To co-operate in solving international problems of economic, social, cultural and humanitarian character.
5. To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in obtaining these common ends.

**Q.3. Mention the composition and functions of the Security Council.**

**Ans.** The Security Council is the most active and important organ of the UN, which is responsible for maintaining peace and security in the world. It is like the executive organ of the UN and its meeting can be convened at a very short notice whenever there is a threat to the world peace. It has 15 members of which 5 are permanent and 10 are elected after every two years by the General Assembly. America, Russia, France, England and China are its permanent members. The Security Council has the power to order collective UN military and economic action against any aggressor nation who disturbs the peace in the world.

**Q.4. Give some of the achievements of the United Nations.**

**Ans.** Some of the achievements of the UNO are:

- It prevented large scale wars in Kashmir, Congo, West Asia, Cyprus, and Yemen.
- The UN has successfully helped the nations in achieving independence.
- The UN has also been making sincere efforts to stop the nuclear arms race.
- The UN has also played an active role in uprooting imperialism and colonialism to a great extent from the world.
- The UN has also taken special care for the upliftment of the women workers, children and other weaker sections of the society all over the world.