**English Language Level 3rd Year Public and Private Law Lesson 1**

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**Lesson1**

**Rights and Duties**

**1. Rights and Duties always go together:**

**Rights** and **duties** are closely related and cannot be separated from one another. Both go side by side. These are the two sides of the same coin. If the state recognizes the right to life to a citizen, it also imposes an **obligation** on him to not to expose his life to dangers, as well as to respect the life of others. If I have a **right to work** and earn, it is also my duty to support the same right of others.

**2. Right of One is the Duty of Others:**

Rights can be enjoyed only in the world of duties. For every right there is corresponding duty. When the people fail to discharge their duties properly, the rights all **become meaningless**. “I can enjoy my rights only if the others allow me to do the same. I have” the right to life and it is the duty of others to respect my life and not to cause any harm to me.”

**3. Rights of a Citizen also imply Duties for him:**

Rights are not the **monopoly of a single individual**. Everybody gets these equally. This means that “others also have the same rights which I have, and it is my duty to see that others also enjoy their rights.” Laski has rightly said that one man’s right is also his duty. It is my duty to respect the rights of others as well as the duty to use my rights in **the interest of society**.

**4. Rights are to be used for Social Good:**

Rights originate in society. Therefore, while enjoying rights, we must always try to **promote** social interest. It is the duty of every one of us to use our rights for promoting the welfare of the society as a whole.

**5. Duty towards the State:**

Since state protects and enforces rights, it also becomes the duty of **all citizens** to **be loyal to the state**. It is their duty **to obey the laws** of the state and to pay taxes honestly. Citizens should always be ready to defend the state. Thus a citizen has both Rights and Duties. He enjoys rights and **performs his duties**. Rights and Duties are the two sides of the same coin.

**Assignment:**

**1-Read and understand the text.**

**2-Give the legal definition of the underlined words and expressions.**

**3- Translate from English into Arabic the 2nd Paragraph.**