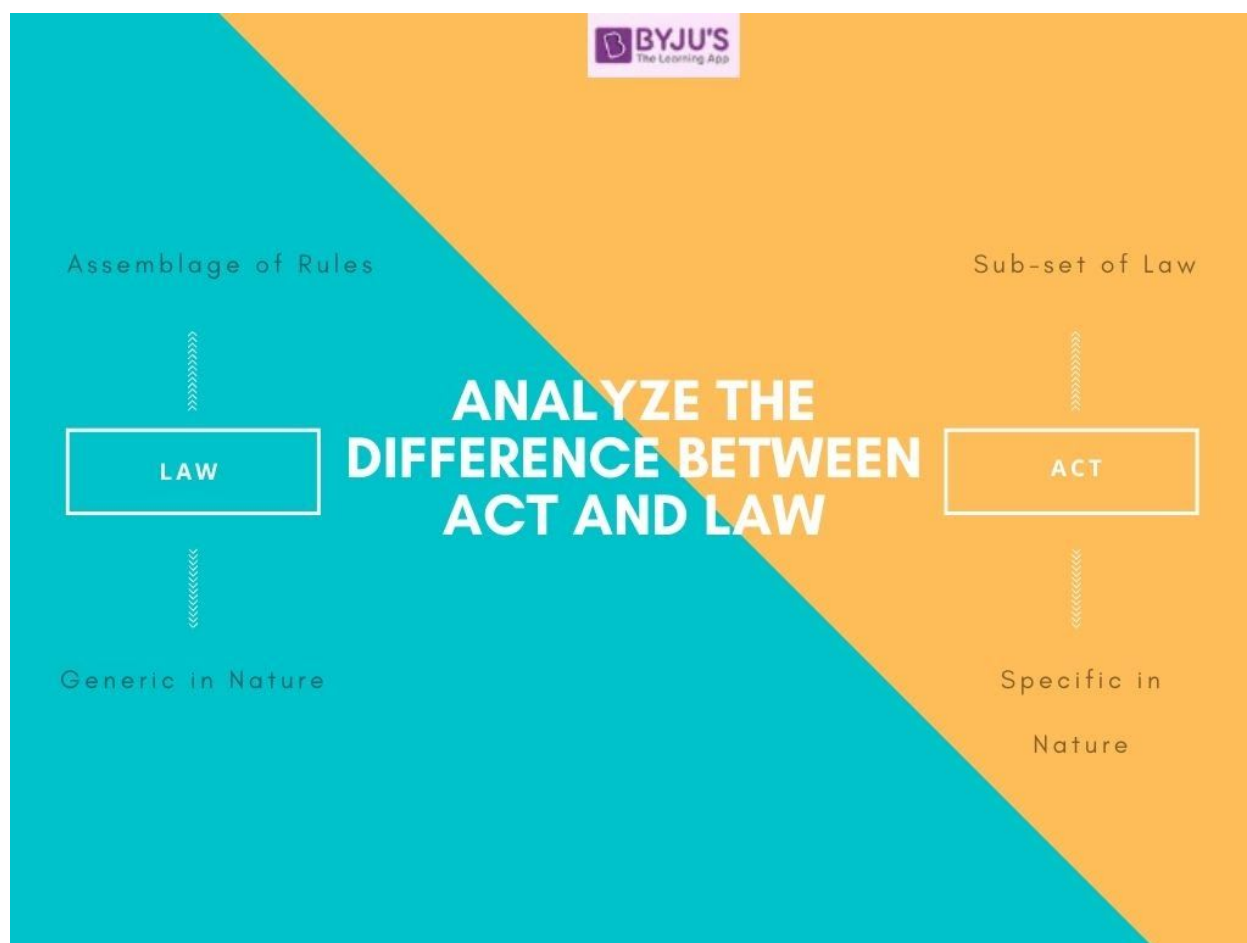


Differences Between Law and Act

The terms 'Law' and 'Act' have certain similarities that they are used interchangeably at times. Yet, the key difference between them is that an Act is passed by the legislative and Law is the rules and regulation enforced by the government.



Both are recurrent terms in the Polity segment of the IAS Exam. Within this context, this article will further highlight the key differences and similarities between Law and Act.

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Law	Act
A law is defined as an assemblage of rules and regulations that are indispensable and must be	An Act is a decree that is approved by the respective legislature i.e. in India's case State Legislative Assembly or

followed	Parliament of India
Law holds its single purview over the larger picture	An Act is a sub-set of Law
Law ensures that the people will strictly follow the defined rules and regulations	An Act is employed in specific situations meaning establishing regulations and rules in specified domains. An example of this is the Indian Companies Act which regulates the formation and functioning of companies or corporations in India
Law is more generic in its nature of operations and is not that complicated to comprehend	Acts are conditional and specific depending on the domains they have been applied for.
Law can be enforced as it has been established by the regulatory procedures	An Act is represented by the bill it is passed for and will not be enforced until it becomes law
A law is defined to stop malpractices, maintain public order and most importantly to protect Fundamental Rights	Acts are made to make people aware of certain rules and regulations that are in place.
A law is an established phenomenon	An Act is originally a bill which is proposed by the Parliament first and when it gets approval from the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha and the President as well, it becomes an act
Laws are under regulation by government authority and hold sovereignty in it.	Acts are provisions enacted by a legislative body or the government for the people the understand the meaning of specific circumstances

