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## Chapter - 1 Power Sharing (MCQs)

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**Question 1. Tamil natives of Sri Lanka are called the**

- (a) Indian Tamils
- (b) Muslim Tamils
- (c) Sri Lankan Tamils
- (d) Christian Tamils

Answer: (c) Sri Lankan Tamils

**Question 2. The term Eelam stands for**

- (a) government
- (b) state
- (c) country
- (d) political party

Answer: (b) state

**Question 3. Division of powers between higher and lower levels of government is called**

- (a) horizontal division
- (b) parallel division
- (c) vertical division
- (d) none of the above

Answer: (c) vertical division

**Question 4. Which two languages are generally spoken in Belgium?**

- (a) French and English
- (b) Dutch and Sinhala
- (c) French and Sinhala



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(d) Dutch and French.

Answer

Answer: (d) Dutch and French.

**Question 5. Brussels is the capital of**

- (a) Belgium
- (b) the Netherland
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) West Indies

Answer: (a) Belgium

**Question 6. A system of 'checks and balances' is another name for which one of the following power-sharing arrangements:**

- (a) Power sharing among different social groups.
- (b) Vertical division of power or power shared among different levels of government.
- (c) Horizontal division of power or power shared among different organs of the government.
- (d) Power sharing in the form of political parties, pressure groups and governments.

Answer: (c) Horizontal division of power or power shared among different organs of the government.

**Question 7. In dealing with power sharing, which one of the following statements is NOT correct about democracy?**

- (a) People are the source of all political power. !
- (b) In a democracy, people rule themselves j through institutions of self-governance.



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(c) In a democracy, due respect is given to diverse groups and views that exist in a society.

(d) In a democracy, if the power to decide is dispersed, it is not possible to take quick decisions and enforce them.

Answer: (d) In a democracy, if the power to decide is dispersed, it is not possible to take quick decisions and enforce them.

**Question 8. System of 'checks and balances' means:**

(a) Horizontal distribution of powers.

(b) Separation of powers.

(c) Put a check on the exercise of unlimited powers of the organs of government by maintaining a balance of power among various institutions.

(d) Federal division of powers

Answer: (c) Put a check on the exercise of unlimited powers of the organs of government by maintaining a balance of power among various institutions.

**Question 9. Power sharing is:**

(a) the very spirit of democracy

(b) separation of powers at different levels.

(c) system of checks and balances.

(d) a type of balancing powers.

Answer: (a) the very spirit of democracy

**Question 10. Who elects the community government in Belgium?**



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(a) People belonging to one language community only.

(b) By the leader of Belgium.

(c) The citizens of the whole country.

(d) The community leaders of Belgium.

Answer: (a) People belonging to one language community only.

**Question 11. In which year Sri Lanka emerged as an independent country?**

(a) 1947

(b) 1948

(c) 1949

(d) 1950

Answer: (b) 1948

Explanation: Sri Lanka emerged as an independent country in 1948. The leaders of the Sinhala community sought to secure dominance over government by virtue of their majority.

**Question 12. Which is the state religion of Sri Lanka?**

(a) Buddhism

(b) Hinduism

(c) Islam

(d) Christianity

Answer: (a) Buddhism

Explanation: In 1956, an Act was passed to recognise Sinhala as the only official language, thus disregarding Tamil. A new constitution





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stipulated that the state shall protect and foster Buddhism.

**Question 13. Which major social group constituted the largest share in population of Sri Lanka?**

- (a) Sinhalas
- (b) Sri Lankan Tamils
- (c) Indian Tamils
- (d) Muslims

Answer: (a) Sinhalas

Explanation: The major social groups in Sri Lanka are the Sinhala-speakers (74 per cent) and the Tamil-speakers (18 per cent)

**Question 14. Which language is spoken by the majority of Belgians?**

- (a) German
- (b) French
- (c) Dutch
- (d) English

Answer: (c) Dutch

Explanation: Of the Belgian's total population, 59 per cent lives in the Flemish region and speaks Dutch language.

**Question 15. Which religion is followed by Sinhala speaking people?**

- (a) Hindus
- (b) Muslims
- (c) Buddhists
- (d) None of these



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Answer: (c) Buddhists

Explanation: Most of the Sinhala speaking people are Buddhists, while most of the Tamils are Hindus or Muslims.

**Question 16. Which language was declared as the only official language of Sri Lanka by an Act passed in 1956?**

- (a) Tamil
- (b) Sinhala
- (c) Hindi
- (d) English

Answer: (b) Sinhala

Explanation: In 1956, an Act was passed to recognise Sinhala as the only official language, thus disregarding Tamil.

**Question 17. Which of the following is not one of the three organs of government powers are shared?**

- (a) Legislature
- (b) Bureaucracy
- (c) Executive
- (d) Judiciary

Answer: (b) Bureaucracy

Explanation: Power is shared among different organs of government, such as the legislature, executive and judiciary.

**Question 18. Which of the following is not one of the aspects of federal division of powers?**



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- (a) Sharing of powers among central provincial and local governments
- (b) Division of powers involving higher and lower levels of government
- (c) The Constitution clearly lays down powers of different levels of government
- (d) There is no vertical division of powers

Answer: (d) There is no vertical division of powers

Explanation: The aspects of federal division of powers are sharing of powers among central provincial and local governments, Division of powers involving higher and lower levels of government.

**Question 19. What led to non-sharing of power?**

- (a) Peace among all the communities
- (b) The tyranny of the majority and oppression of minority
- (c) Negation of the very spirit of democracy
- (d) Both (b) and (c)

Answer: (d) Both (b) and (c)

Explanation: Non-sharing of power led to tyranny of the majority and oppression of minority and negation of the very spirit of democracy.

**Question 20. How many times was the Constitution of Belgium amended between 1970 and 1993?**

- (a) Two times



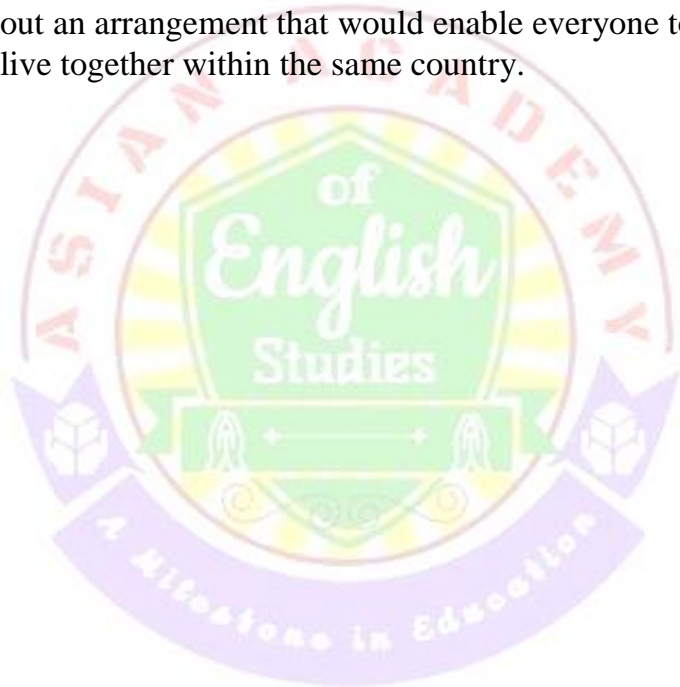
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- (b) Three times
- (c) Five times
- (d) Four times

Answer: (d) Four times

Explanation: Between 1970 and 1993, they amended their constitution four times so as to work out an arrangement that would enable everyone to live together within the same country.



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