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## Chapter - 2 Federalism (MCQs)

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**Question 1. The system of Panchayat Raj involves:**

- (a) Village, block and district levels
- (b) Village and state levels
- (c) Village, district and state levels
- (d) Village, state and union levels

**Answer:** (a) Village, block and district levels

**Question 2. Which one of the following countries is good examples of 'holding together federations'?**

- (a) USA
- (b) Switzerland
- (c) Australia
- (d) India

**Answer:** (d) India

**Question 3. Which of the following was not a provision of the Act of 1956 passed in Sri Lanka?**

- (a) Sinhala was recognised as the only official language
- (b) Buddhism was to be protected by the state
- (c) Provinces were given autonomy
- (d) Sinhalas were favoured in government jobs

**Answer:** (c) Provinces were given autonomy



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**Question 4. When power is taken away from central and state governments and given to local government, it is called:**

- (a) Distribution
- (b) Centralisation
- (c) Reorganisation
- (d) Decentralisation

**Answer: (d) Decentralisation**

**Question 5. Which of the following countries is an example of 'coming together' federation?**

- (a) India
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) USA
- (d) Sri Lanka

**Answer: (c) USA**

**Question 6. Choose the correct statement regarding language policy of the Indian Government.**

- (a) English is our national language
- (b) Citizens are free to choose any language as national language
- (c) Hindi is our national language
- (d) Constitution of India did not declare any language as national language

**Answer: (d) Constitution of India did not declare any language as national language**

**Question 7. Both the union and the state government can make laws on the subjects mentioned in the:**



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- (a) Union list
- (b) State list
- (c) Concurrent list
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Concurrent list**

**Question 8. Which of the following is not a subject of the Union List?**

- (a) Foreign affairs
- (b) Currency
- (c) Banking
- (d) Law and order

**Answer: (d) Law and order**

**Question 9. Who among the following is the head of a Municipal Corporation?**

- (a) Home Minister
- (b) Sarpanch
- (c) Governor
- (d) Mayor

**Answer: (d) Mayor**

**Question 10. Which one of the following countries has the federal form of government?**

- (a) Egypt
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Australia
- (d) England

**Answer: (c) Australia**

**Question 11. Who among the following is called head of the state at the state level?**

- (a) Chief Minister



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- (b) Speaker of Vidhan Sabha
- (c) Governor
- (d) Mayor

**Answer:** (a) Chief Minister

**Question 12. Which of the following countries has coming a Together Federation?**

- (a) The U.S.A
- (b) India
- (c) Spain
- (d) Belgium

**Answer:** (a) The U.S.A

**Question 13. Which one of the following countries has not adopted the holding together federation?**

- (a) India
- (b) Spain
- (c) Belgium
- (d) Japan

**Answer:** (d) Japan

**Question 14. How many other lanugages are recognised as Scheduled Languages by the constitution, besides Hindi?**

- (a) 20
- (b) 21
- (c) 18
- (d) 19

**Answer:** (b) 21

**Question 15. Which one of the following subjects is included in the concurrent list?**





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- (a) Banking
- (b) Trade
- (c) Police
- (d) Education

**Answer: (d) Education**

**Question 16. Which of the following governments has two or more levels?**

- (a) Community Government
- (b) Coalition Government
- (c) Federal Government
- (d) Unitary Government

**Answer: (c) Federal Government**

**Question 17. Which one of the following is not a feature of federalism?**

- (a) Two or more levels of government
- (b) Different tiers of government govern the same citizens
- (c) Courts have the power to interpret the constitution
- (d) The centre government can order the state government

**Answer: (d) The centre government can order the state government**

**Question 18. Rural local government is popularly known as:**

- (a) Panchayati Raj
- (b) Zila Parishad
- (c) State Government
- (d) Gram Panchayat



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Answer: (a) Panchayati Raj

**Question 19. In local self-government institutions at least one-third of all positions are reserved for**

- (a) men
- (b) women
- (c) children
- (d) scheduled tribes

Answer: (b) women

**Question 20. Which of the following subjects falls under the Concurrent list?**

- (a) Defence
- (b) Agriculture
- (c) Marriage
- (d) Currency

Answer: (c) Marriage

**Question 21. Which one of the following countries is an example of holding together federation?**

- (a) India
- (b) U.S.A
- (c) Australia
- (d) Switzerland

Answer: (a) India

**Question 22. Which among the following states in India has a special status?**

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Jammu and Kashmir



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(d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: (c) Jammu and Kashmir

**Question 23. Which one is not the part of 3 tier system of Panchayat Raj?**

(a) Municipalities

(b) Village Panchayat

(c) Block Samiti

(d) Zila Parishad

Answer: (a) Municipalities

**Question 24. Which of these is incorrect, based on the Constitutional Amendment, 1992?**

(a) One-fourth of positions are reserved for women.

(b) Regular elections should be held to the local government bodies.

(c) Seats are reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs.

(d) State Election Commission looks after these elections.

Answer: (a) One-fourth of positions are reserved for women.

**Question 25. Which is not true regarding changes in power-sharing arrangement between the centre and the states?**

(a) The Parliament cannot on its own change this arrangement.

(b) Any change to it has to be first passed by both the Houses with at least two-thirds majority.

(c) Then, it has to be ratified by the legislatures of at least half of the total states.



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(d) The Parliament alone has the power to amend the provisions regarding power-sharing.

Answer: (d) The Parliament alone has the power to amend the provisions regarding power-sharing.

**Question 26. Rural local government is popularly known as:**

- (a) Zila Parishad
- (b) Panchayat Samiti
- (c) Panchayati Raj
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Panchayati Raj

**Question 27. Who administers the whole district?**

- (a) Sarpanch
- (b) Mayor
- (c) District Magistrate or Collector
- (d) Sessions Judge

Answer: (c) District Magistrate or Collector

**Question 28. Which period saw the rise of regional political parties in many states of the country?**

- (a) Period after 1990
- (b) Period after 2000
- (c) Period after 1980
- (d) Period after 1970

Answer: (a) Period after 1990

**Question 29. Which of these is incorrect, based on the Constitutional Amendment, 1992?**



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(a) One-fourth of positions are reserved for women.

(b) Regular elections should be held to the local government bodies.

(c) Seats are reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs.

(d) State Election Commission looks after these elections.

**Answer:** (a) One-fourth of positions are reserved for women.

**Question 30. Which language was recognised as the national language by the Constitution of India?**

(a) Hindi

(b) English

(c) Tamil

(d) None of these

**Answer:** (d) None of these

**Question 31. Which of the following is not an example of 'coming together' federations?**

(a) India

(b) USA

(c) Switzerland

(d) Australia

**Answer:** (a) India

**Question 32. Which state of India enjoys a special status and has its own Constitution?**

(a) Bihar

(b) Uttar Pradesh

(c) Kerala



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(d) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer: (d) Jammu and Kashmir

**Question 33. What is the third tier of government known as?**

- (a) Village Panchayats
- (b) State government
- (c) Local self-government
- (d) Zila Parishad

Answer: (c) Local self-government

**Question 34. Which of the following is not an example of 'holding together' federations?**

- (a) India
- (b) Spain
- (c) Belgium
- (d) Switzerland

Answer: (d) Switzerland

**Question 35. Choose the incorrect statement.**

- (a) Belgium shifted from a unitary to a federal form in 1993
- (b) Belgium shifted from a federal form to a unitary form of government in 1993
- (c) Sri Lanka continues to be a unitary system
- (d) Tamil leaders want Sri Lanka to become a federal system

Answer: (b) Belgium shifted from a federal form to a unitary form of government in 1993

**Question 36. The Constitution of India originally provided for :**

- (a) a two-tier system of government.



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- (b) a three-tier system of government.
- (b) a single-tier system of government.
- (d) a four-tier system of government.

**Answer:** (a) a two-tier system of government.

**Question 37. Which are the basic objectives of a federal system?**

- (a) To safeguard and promote unity of the country
- (b) To accommodate regional diversity
- (c) To share powers among different communities
- (d) Both (a) and (b)

**Answer:** (d) Both (a) and (b)

**Question 38. What is true regarding sources of revenue in a federal system?**

- (a) States have no financial powers or independent sources of revenue.
- (b) States are dependent for revenue or funds on the central government.
- (c) Sources of revenue for each level of government are clearly specified to ensure its financial autonomy.
- (d) States have no financial autonomy.

**Answer:** (c) Sources of revenue for each level of government are clearly specified to ensure its financial autonomy.

**Question 39. Choose the incorrect statement.**

- (a) Usually a federation has two levels of governments
- (b) Both the levels of governments enjoy their powers independent of one another



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(c) In a federal system, a state government has powers of its own

(d) In a federal system, the state government is answerable to the central government

Answer: (d) In a federal system, the state government is answerable to the central government

**Question 40. Which of the following is incorrect regarding a unitary government?**

(a) There is either only one level of government or the sub-units are subordinate to the central government

(b) The central government can pass on orders to the provincial government

(c) A state government is answerable to central government

(d) The powers of state governments are guaranteed by the Constitution

Answer: (d) The powers of state governments are guaranteed by the Constitution

**Question 41. Which form of power sharing is most commonly referred to as federalism?**

(a) Horizontal division of power

(b) Vertical division of power

(c) Division of power among various communities

(d) Sharing of power among political parties

Answer: (b) Vertical division of power





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