

Grade:-X
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Time:45 Minutes
Marks:-20

TOPIC- POWER SHARING

Section A: MCQs (1 × 5 = 5 Marks)

Choose the correct answer.

1.Which country is often cited as a good example of power sharing among different communities?

- a) India b) Belgium c) Sri Lanka d) Pakistan

2.The community government in Belgium is elected by:

- a) People belonging to one religion
b) People belonging to one language community
c) Only politicians
d) Only the king

3.Which system of government divides power among legislature, executive and judiciary?

- a) Federal government b) Power sharing among organs of government
c) Community government d) Coalition government

4.Which of the following is a prudential reason for power sharing?

- a) It reduces the possibility of conflict b) It respects diversity
c) It is the spirit of democracy d) It promotes equality

5.The division of power among central, state and local governments is called:

- a) Horizontal division b) Vertical division
c) Community division d) Social division

Section B: One Mark Questions (1 × 3 = 3 Marks)

6.What is meant by power sharing?

7.Name the capital city of Belgium.

8.Which community was in majority in Sri Lanka?

Section C: Two Mark Questions (2 × 3 = 6 Marks)

9.Write any two prudential reasons for power sharing.

10.What was the major conflict between communities in Belgium?

11. Mention two forms of power sharing in modern democracies.

Section D: Three Mark Question (3 × 1 = 3 Marks)

12. Explain different forms of power sharing.

Section E: Case Study (3 Marks)

13. Read the passage and answer the questions:

Belgium is a small European country with a population consisting of different linguistic groups. About 59% of the population speaks Dutch, 40% speaks French and about 1% speaks German. The leaders of Belgium realised that unity could be maintained only by respecting the feelings and interests of different communities. Therefore, they adopted a system of power sharing.

- a) Name the three language communities in Belgium. (1)
- b) Why did the leaders of Belgium adopt power sharing? (1)
- c) What lesson does Belgium provide for other democracies? (1)
