



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL BANGALORE - EAST

SOCIAL SCIENCE (POLITICAL SCIENCE)

POWER SHARING

NAME: _____ CLASS: X SEC: _____ DATE: _____

I. Do as directed:

1. 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.

Ans:

2. A belief that the majority community should be able to rule country in whichever way they want, by disregarding the wishes and needs of minority is known as _____.

Ans:

3. Match the columns:

Column A	Column B
a. Coalition Government	i. Each organ of the government checks the other
b. Civil War	ii. Government of more than two political parties
c. Checks and Balances	iii. Power may also be shared among different social groups

d. Community Government	iv. A violent conflict between opposing groups
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1.a- ii, b- iv, c- i, d- iii

2.a-ii,b-iii,c-i,d-iv

3. a-ii,b-i,c-iii,d-iv

4. a-ii b-iv,c-iii,d-i

Ans:

4. Read the given extract and answer the following questions.

Power is shared among different organs of the government, such as the legislature, executive and judiciary. Let us call this horizontal distribution of power because it allows different organs of government placed at the same level to exercise different powers. Such a separation ensures that none of the organs can exercise unlimited power. Each organ checks the others. This results in a balance of power share among various Institutions. Last year, we studied that in a democracy, even though ministers and government officials exercise power, they are responsible to the Parliament or state assemblies. Similarly, although judges are appointed by the executive, they can check the functioning of executive or laws made by the Legislatures. This arrangement is called a system of checks and balances.

4.1 The above extract related to which of the following options:

a. Horizontal power sharing b. Vertical power sharing

c. Regional power sharing d. Local self-government

Ans:

4.2 Which among the following options is correct regarding horizontal power sharing?

a. When power is shared among the government at different levels.

b. When power is shared among different organs of the government.

c. The division of the power involves higher and lower levels of government .

d. All of the above

Ans:

5. In the given question there are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R) .

Read the statements and choose the correct option from the following.

Assertion (A): Community Government in Belgium is elected by people belonging to one language community.

Reason(R): Community Government has power regarding language related issues.

- a. (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- b. (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- c. (A) is true but (R) is false.
- d. Both (A) and (R) are false.

Ans:

II. Answer the following:

5. Describe any three 'majoritarian measures' taken by the Sri Lankan Government to establish Sinhala supremacy.

Ans:

6. Explain the three ways by which Belgium has accommodated the existing regional differences and cultural diversities.

Ans:

7. Describe three demands of Sri Lankan Tamils. How did they struggle for their independence?

Ans:
