

REVISION QUESTIONS ON POWER SHARING(POL.SCIENCE)

CLASS X

1. Name the various language groups of Belgium.
2. What led to the tension between the Dutch- speaking and the French – speaking communities of Belgium during the 1950s and 1960s?
3. Define the term ‘Prudential’.
4. Why power sharing is desirable? Justify your answer with suitable examples.
5. Describe the how Majoritarianism in Sri Lanka spoiled the relation between various ethnic groups.
OR
“The leaders of the Sinhala community sought to secure dominance over government by virtue of their majority”. Comment
OR
Why do the Sri Lankan Tamils feel alienated in spite of their long stay in Sri Lanka?
6. How is power shared among various communities of Belgium?
OR
Discuss the Belgium model of Power Sharing.
OR
How have Belgium and Sri Lanka dealt with the question of power sharing differently?
OR
What is the difference between the policies adopted by Belgium and Sri Lanka regarding power sharing arrangement?
7. In a democracy political power should be shared among as many citizens as possible. Why?
8. Why is horizontal distribution of power often referred to as a system of “checks and balances”? Explain three reasons.
OR
Differentiate between horizontal and vertical power sharing. Give 3 points each.
OR
Explain the various forms of power sharing with proper illustrations.
9. Power is shared among governments at different levels. (Federation). Explain.
10. Consider the following statements about power sharing arrangements in Belgium and Sri Lanka.
A. In Belgium, the Dutch-speaking majority people tried to impose their domination on the minority French-speaking community. B. In Sri Lanka, the policies of the government sought to ensure the dominance of The Sinhala-speaking majority. C. The Tamils in Sri Lanka demanded a federal arrangement of power sharing to protect their culture, language and equality of opportunity in education and jobs. D. The transformation of Belgium from unitary government to a federal one prevented a possible division of the country on linguistic lines.
Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) A, B, C and D (b) A, B and D (c) C and D (d) B, C and D

11. Define "Elam".

12. Choose the correct alternative

(i) Horizontal distribution of power sharing is ---

A) Sharing of power among different organs of government

B) Sharing of power among different social groups

C) Power shared among political parties

D) Sharing of power among different pressure groups and movements.

(ii) In which one of the following countries the principle of Majoritarianism led to Civil war?

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

(iii) Power sharing is desirable because it helps

a) To increase pressure on government. b) To reduce possibilities of conflicts.

c) To generate awareness among people. d) To increase percentage of voters.

(iv) Which major social group constituted the largest share in population of Sri Lanka?

a) Sinhalese b) Indian Tamils c) Muslims d) Sri Lankan Tamils.