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Worksheet No:1	Topic: Power Sharing	Subject: Democratic Politics

Multiple Choice Questions:

- The system of 'checks and balances' is another name for which one of the following power-sharing arrangements:
 - Power sharing among different social groups.
 - Vertical division of power or power shared among different levels of government.
 - Horizontal division of power or power shared among different organs of the government.**
 - Power sharing in the form of political parties, pressure groups and governments
- Consider the following statements about the ethnic composition of Sri Lanka:
 - Major social groups are the Sinhala- speaking (74%) and Tamil-speaking (18%)?
 - Among the Tamils, there are two sub-groups, Sri Lankan Tamils and Indian Tamils.
 - There are about 7% Christians, who are both Tamil and Sinhala.
 - Most of the Sinhala-speaking are Hindus or Muslims and most of the Tamil-speaking are Buddhists.Which of the above statements are correct?
 - a, b, c**
 - a, b, d
 - b, c, d
 - All the above
- Prudential reasons of power sharing stress on the facts that:
 - It ensures the political stability
 - It reduces the possibility of social conflict.
 - people have the right to ask the Government, How they are going to Govern.
 - It is the very spirit of democracy.Which of the above statements are correct?
 - a, b**
 - a, c and d
 - a, b and c
 - All are correct
- Which one of the following communities constituted majority in Brussels?
 - French Speaking**
 - Dutch Speaking
 - German Speaking
 - None of them

5. Who elects the community government in Belgium?
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 to Belgium
6. Which one of the following is not a valid reason for power sharing?
A. The policy of majoritarianism
B. being part and parcel of democracy
C. to reduce tensions
D. for political stability
7. Which one of the following statements about community government is true?
A. Power is shared among different organs of the government
B. Power is shared among governments at different levels
C. Power is shared by different social groups
D. Power is shared by two or more political parties
8. Which is the major social group in Sri Lanka?
A. Sinhalas
B. Sri Lankan Tamils
C. Indian Tamils
D. Muslims
9. Which of the following was not a demand of the Sri Lankan Tamils?
A. Recognition of Tamil as an official language
B. Regional autonomy
C. Equality of opportunity in securing jobs and education
D. None of the above
10. 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 votes
11. Choose the incorrect statement.
A. Belgium and Sri Lanka are democratic.
B. Both of them dealt with the question of power-sharing similarly
C. In Belgium, leaders realised that unity of the country was possible only by respecting the feelings and interests of all communities
D. In Sri Lanka, majority community forced its domination over others and refused to share power.

ASSERTION AND REASON

Based on the question given below, there are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option:

1. **Assertion (A):** In Belgium, the leaders realized that the unity of the country is possible by respecting the feelings and interest of different Language speaking people.

Reason(R) Belgium favored Dutch speaking community.

- A. Both A and R are true. and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. **Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A**
- C. A is true and R is false.
- D. A is false and R is true
- E. Both A and R are false.

2. **Assertion (A):** Horizontal distribution of power allows different organs of the government placed at same level to exercise different powers

Reason(R): The separation ensures that different organs can exercise unlimited power

- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. **A is true and R is false.**
- D. A is false and Reason R is true
- E. Both A and R are false.

3. **Assertion (A):** Community government in Belgium allows to share power among different religious and linguistic groups.

Reason(R): In India, there are constitutional provisions for the representation of all religious group

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- B. **Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.**
- C. A is true and R is false.
- D. A is false and R is true
- E. Both A and R are false.

Read the passage and answer the questions given below:

1. Apart from the Central and the State Government, there is a third kind of government- 'Community government', is elected by the people belonging to one language community – Dutch, French and German-speaking – no matter where they live. This government has the power regarding cultural, educational and language-related issues. The Belgian model is very complicated. But these arrangements have worked well so far. They helped to avoid civic strife between the two major communities and a possible division of the country on linguistic lines.

a. Which language speaking people is majority in Belgium?

The Dutch

b. Which language speaking is majority in Brussels?

The French

c. How many times did Belgium amend the constitution? Why?

4 times, to accommodate the Social Diversity.

d. Which is the headquarters of European Union?

Brussels

2. The two different sets of reasons can be given in favour of power sharing. Firstly, power sharing is good because it helps to reduce the possibility of conflict between social groups. Since social conflict often leads to violence and political instability, power sharing is a good way to ensure the stability of political order. Imposing the will of majority community over others may look like an attractive option in the short run, but in the long run it undermines the unity of the nation Tyranny of the majority is not just oppressive for the minority; it often brings ruin to the majority as well. There is a second, deeper reason why power sharing is good for democracies. Power sharing is the very spirit of democracy. A democratic rule involves sharing power with those affected by its exercise, and who have to live with its effects. People have a right to be consulted on how they are to be governed. A legitimate government is one where citizens, through participation, acquire a stake in the system.

a. Mention the two forms of power sharing.

Prudential and Moral form of power sharing

b. What method did Srilanka adopt to meet their ethnic composition?

Majoritarianism

c. Which form of power sharing will lead to political stability?

Prudential

d. Which language is minority in Srilanka?

The Tamils
