

Power Sharing

Quick Study Guide

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Highlighted text shows important points

- ★ MARKS HIGH-FOCUS TOPICS
- 📝 INDICATES EXAM TIPS
- ⚠️ SHOWS COMMON ERRORS
- 💡 GIVES QUICK TIPS

BELGIUM CASE STUDY

Mnemonic: "BELGIUM STORY"

B Both communities
E Equal rights
L Language division
G Government adapts
I Important changes
U Unity maintains
M Multiple solutions

Remember As:
DOSTI MODEL

- Dutch speakers (59%)
- French speakers (40%)
- German speakers (1%)
- Equal representation
- Power sharing success

Key Features:

- Brussels = Bilingual capital
- Equal ministers
- Community government
- Regional government

Common Errors:

- Population % wrong
- Language mix-up
- Capital confusion
- Government type mix

SRI LANKA CONTRAST

Mnemonic: "LANKA PATH"

L Language policy
A Authoritarian rule
N No sharing
K Conflict rises
A Absolute power

Problems start
A Anti-Tamil riots
T Tension grows
H Hostile situation

Key Points
GALTI KAAM

- Sinhala official language
- Buddhism state religion
- Tamils discriminated
- Civil war results
- Majoritarianism fails

Consequences:

- Civil war (1983-2009)
- Economic loss
- Unity damaged
- Trust broken

FORMS OF POWER SHARING

Mnemonic: "POWER BOSS"

P Blood and Iron
O Important leader
W States unite
E Military power
R Austria defeated

B Between levels
O Organizations
S Social groups
S System balance

Four Forms
LIFE LINE

- Legislature-Executive-Judiciary
- Among governments
- Social groups
- Pressure groups

Example

- Centre-State sharing
- Different ministries
- Reserved seats
- Decentralization

SYSTEM OF CHECKS

Mnemonic: "BALANCE GAME"

B Between organs
A Authority shared
L Limits power
A Accountability
N No absolute power
C Check each other
E Equal status

Key Points:

- Horizontal sharing
- Vertical distribution
- Checks and balances
- Public accountability

Remember As:
CONTROL ROOM

- Parliament controls govt
- Courts check laws
- Ministers answer
- People supreme
- Democracy works

DEMOCRACY BASIS

Mnemonic: "LOKTANTRA"

L Legal rights
O Open system
K Knowledge sharing
T Together decide
A All included
N No discrimination
T Trust builds
R Rights protected
A Accountability

Traditional vs New
I Important changes
M Middle class rises
E Events connect

Basic Principles:
SHARE KARO

- S: Sharing is caring
- H: Harmony builds
- A: All included
- R: Rights protected
- E: Equal voice

Benefits

- Stability
- Unity
- Peace
- Development
- Trust

IMPORTANCE

Mnemonic: "SMART WORK"

S Stability brings
M More efficiency
A All satisfied
R Reduces conflicts
T Trust builds

Works better
O Order maintains
R Rights protected
K Knowledge shared

Key Benefits:
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- Reduces conflicts
- Increases efficiency
- Promotes unity
- Builds stability
- Ensures fairness



TYPES OF GOVERNMENT

Mnemonic: "SYSTEM HERO"

S Freedom ideas
Y Industrial growth
S National unity
T All citizens
E Liberty comes
M

Remember Types:

RULE BOOK

1. Unitary
 - * Single government
 - * Central power
 - * Like Sri Lanka
2. Federal
 - * Power shared
 - * Multiple levels
 - * Like India, Belgium

QUICK REVISION CHECKLIST

Before Exam:

- ✓ Belgium model
- ✓ Sri Lanka contrast
- ✓ Power sharing forms
- ✓ System of checks
- ✓ Democratic principles
- ✓ Types of government
- ✓ Benefits

Scoring Tips:

1. Give examples
2. Compare cases
3. Show benefits
4. Link concepts
5. Current relevance

100%

HIGH FOCUS AREAS

1. Belgium Case (5 marks)
2. Sri Lanka Case (5 marks)
3. Power Forms (4 marks)
4. Democracy Base (4 marks)
5. Importance (4 marks)

KEY CONCEPTS TABLE

YAAD RAKHNA

| Concept | Example | Benefits |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Horizontal | Legislature-Executive | Checks & Balance |
| Vertical | Centre-State | Local governance |
| Vertical | Religious-Linguistic | Social harmony |
| 1848 | Pressure groups | Public voice |

Examples:

1. Success: Belgium
2. Failure: Sri Lanka
3. Federal: India
4. Unitary: Sri Lanka
5. Power sharing: Switzerland

Important Terms:

- Majoritarianism
- Federal system
- Unitary system
- Confederation
- Decentralization

GOOD LUCK!

