



### EXERCISE

1. If you are elected as the President of India, which of the following decision can you take on your own?

Select the person you like as Prime Minister.

Dismiss a Prime Minister who has a majority in Lok Sabha.

Ask for reconsideration of a bill passed by both Houses.

Nominate the leaders of your choice to the Council of Ministers.

Answer.c. Ask for reconsideration of a bill passed by both Houses.

2. Who among the following is a part of the political executive?

District Collector

Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs

Home Minister

Director-General of Police

Answer.c. Home Minister

3. Which of the following statements about the judiciary is false?

Every law passed by the Parliament needs the approval of the Supreme Court

Judiciary can strike down a law if it goes against the spirit of the Constitution

Judiciary is independent of the Executive

Any citizen can approach the courts if her rights are violated

Answer.a. Every law passed by the Parliament needs the approval of the Supreme Court

4. Which of the following institutions can make changes to an existing law of the country?

The Supreme Court

The President

The Prime Minister

The Parliament

Answer.d. The Parliament

5. Match the ministry with the news that the ministry may have released:

A new policy is being made to increase the jute exports from the country Ministry of Defence  
Telephone services will be made more accessible to rural areas Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Public Distribution  
The price of rice and wheat sold under the Public Distribution System will go down Ministry of Health  
A pulse polio campaign will be launched Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
The allowances of the soldiers posted at high altitudes will be increased Ministry of Communications and Information Technology

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6. Of all the institutions that we have studied in this chapter, name the one that exercises the powers on each of the following matters.

Decision on the allocation of money for developing infrastructure like roads, irrigation etc. and different welfare activities for the citizens

Considers the recommendation of the committee on a law to regulate the stock exchange

Decides on a legal dispute between two state governments

Implements the decision to provide relief for the victims of an earthquake

Answer.

Lok Sabha (Ministry of Finance)

Parliament

Supreme Court

Executive

7. Why is the Prime Minister in India not directly elected by the people? Choose the most appropriate answer and give reasons for your choice.

In a Parliamentary democracy, only the leader of the majority party in the Lok Sabha can become the Prime Minister.

Lok Sabha can remove the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers even before the expiry of their term.

Since the Prime Minister is appointed by the President, there is no need for it.

Direct election of the Prime Minister will involve a lot of expenditure on the election.

Answer. In a Parliamentary democracy, only the leader of the majority party in the Lok Sabha can become the Prime Minister. This provision is made so that the leader of a party has a majority before he becomes the PM.

8. Three friends went to watch a film that showed the hero becoming Chief Minister for a day and making big changes in the state. Imran said this is what the country needs. Rizwan said this kind of a personal rule without institutions is dangerous. Shankar said all this is a fantasy. No minister can do anything in one day. What would be your reaction to such a film?

Answer. There is no such provision where a man can become a CM for a day. A proper institution is needed for any state to run. Similarly, as a CM, he needs his council to make decisions and administer. One day is not enough to pass laws, as all laws are implemented following a certain procedure.

9. A teacher was making preparations for a mock parliament. She called two students to act as leaders of two political parties. She gave them an option: Each one could choose to have a majority either in the mock Lok Sabha or in the mock Rajya Sabha. If this choice was given to you, which one would you choose and why?

Answer. Students should choose on their own. A suggestion would be to write for both. However, the majority in Lok Sabha is more powerful, as members of Lok Sabha are directly elected by the people. Hence, to have a majority in the Lok Sabha means that the Prime Minister will be from your party, and that is a powerful position.

10. After reading the example of the reservation order, three students had different reactions to the role of the judiciary. Which view, according to you, is a correct reading of the role of the judiciary?

Srinivas argues that since the Supreme Court agreed with the government, it is not independent.

Anjaiah says that the judiciary is independent because it could have given a verdict against the government order. The Supreme Court did direct the government to modify it.

Vijaya thinks that the judiciary is neither independent nor conformist, but acts as a mediator between opposing parties. The court struck a good balance between those who supported and those who opposed the order.

Answer. b. Anjaiah says that the judiciary is independent because it could have given a verdict against the government order. The Supreme Court did direct the government to modify it.

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