

Chapter 13 State Legislature

Instructions: Each question has four options, choose the correct answer.

1. Which Article of the Constitution provides for a Legislature in every state?

- (a) Article 168
- (b) Article 169
- (c) Article 170
- (d) Article 171

Answer: (a) Article 168

2. A state legislature can be:

- (a) Unicameral only
- (b) Bicameral only
- (c) Either unicameral or bicameral
- (d) Tricameral

Answer: (c) Either unicameral or bicameral

3. Which of the following states has a bicameral legislature?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) All of the above

Answer: (d) All of the above

4. How many Indian states currently have a Legislative Council?

- (a) 4
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8

Answer: (b) 6

5. The creation or abolition of a Legislative Council requires:

- (a) Simple majority in State Assembly
- (b) Special majority in State Assembly
- (c) Resolution passed by simple majority of Parliament
- (d) Resolution passed by Parliament with special majority

Answer: (b) Special majority in State Assembly

6. The maximum strength of a Legislative Assembly is fixed at:

- (a) 400
- (b) 450
- (c) 500
- (d) No maximum limit

Answer: (c) 500

7. The minimum strength of a Legislative Assembly is:

- (a) 40
- (b) 50
- (c) 60
- (d) 70

Answer: (c) 60

8. The term of a Legislative Assembly is:

- (a) 4 years
- (b) 5 years
- (c) 6 years
- (d) As decided by Governor

Answer: (b) 5 years

9. Which Article provides for the composition of Legislative Assemblies?

- (a) Article 170
- (b) Article 171
- (c) Article 172

(d) Article 173

Answer: (a) Article 170

10. The members of Legislative Council are:

- (a) Directly elected by people
- (b) Indirectly elected
- (c) Partly elected and partly nominated
- (d) Both (b) and (c)

Answer: (d) Both (b) and (c)

11. What percentage of members of Legislative Council are elected by members of Legislative Assembly?

- (a) One-third
- (b) One-half
- (c) Two-thirds
- (d) Three-fourths

Answer: (a) One-third

12. Who nominates members to the Legislative Council?

- (a) Governor
- (b) Chief Minister
- (c) President
- (d) Speaker

Answer: (a) Governor

13. The strength of Legislative Council should not exceed _____ of total strength of Legislative Assembly.

- (a) One-third
- (b) One-half
- (c) Two-thirds
- (d) Three-fourths

Answer: (a) One-third

14. The minimum strength of Legislative Council is:

- (a) 30
- (b) 40
- (c) 50
- (d) 60

Answer: (b) 40

15. The term of a member of Legislative Council is:

- (a) 5 years
- (b) 6 years
- (c) 8 years
- (d) 10 years

Answer: (b) 6 years

16. Which Article deals with the duration of State Legislatures?

- (a) Article 172
- (b) Article 173
- (c) Article 174
- (d) Article 175

Answer: (a) Article 172

17. The Legislative Council:

- (a) Is a permanent house
- (b) Can be dissolved
- (c) Has same term as Legislative Assembly
- (d) Is dissolved every 5 years

Answer: (a) Is a permanent house

18. One-third of members of Legislative Council retire every:

- (a) 2 years
- (b) 3 years
- (c) 4 years
- (d) 5 years

Answer: (a) 2 years

19. The minimum age for membership of Legislative Assembly is:

- (a) 21 years
- (b) 25 years
- (c) 30 years
- (d) 35 years

Answer: (b) 25 years

20. The minimum age for membership of Legislative Council is:

- (a) 25 years
- (b) 30 years
- (c) 35 years
- (d) 40 years

Answer: (b) 30 years

21. A Money Bill can be introduced only in:

- (a) Legislative Assembly
- (b) Legislative Council
- (c) Either house
- (d) Governor's discretion

Answer: (a) Legislative Assembly

22. In case of disagreement between two houses on an ordinary bill, the decision is taken by:

- (a) Governor
- (b) Joint sitting
- (c) Speaker
- (d) Chief Minister

Answer: (b) Joint sitting

23. Who summons and prorogues the State Legislature?

- (a) Chief Minister
- (b) Speaker
- (c) Governor
- (d) President

Answer: (c) Governor

24. The Chairman of Legislative Council is:

- (a) Elected by members
- (b) Appointed by Governor
- (c) Ex-officio Chief Minister
- (d) Appointed by President

Answer: (a) Elected by members

25. The Speaker of Legislative Assembly is:

- (a) Elected by members
- (b) Appointed by Governor
- (c) Ex-officio senior most member
- (d) Appointed by Chief Minister

Answer: (a) Elected by members

26. Which state had the first Legislative Council in India?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Madras
- (d) Bengal

Answer: (c) Madras

27. The quorum required to conduct business in State Legislature is:

- (a) One-tenth of total members
- (b) One-fifth of total members
- (c) One-third of total members
- (d) One-half of total members

Answer: (a) One-tenth of total members

28. The Governor addresses the State Legislature under:

- (a) Article 175

(b) Article 176

(c) Article 177

(d) Article 178

Answer: (b) Article 176

29. The Legislative Council cannot reject a Money Bill; it can only:

(a) Amend it

(b) Delay it for 14 days

(c) Return it for reconsideration

(d) Both (b) and (c)

Answer: (b) Delay it for 14 days

30. Which of the following states abolished its Legislative Council in 2020?

(a) Andhra Pradesh

(b) Telangana

(c) Rajasthan

(d) West Bengal

Answer: (a) Andhra Pradesh

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