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Union Legislature Worksheet — Answer Key

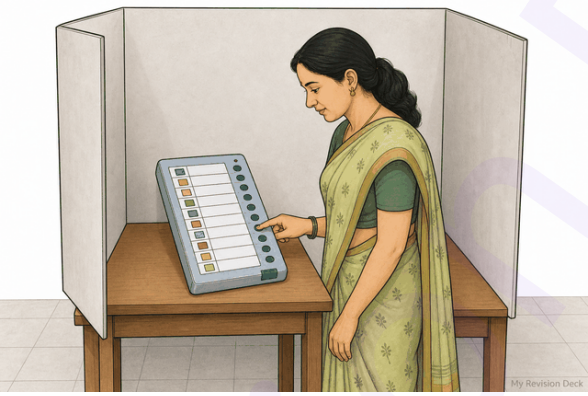
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Grade: 8 **Subject:** History & Civics

Time: 15 minutes **Maximum Marks:** 15

1. **Choose the correct answer**

(i) Observe the image of a voter using an Electronic Voting Machine. Which of the given options best states how the Electronic Voting Machine helps voters? [1]



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(a) It lets voters cast their vote at any polling booth in the country

(b) It helps keep each voter's choice of candidate secret from others

(c) It reads out the chosen candidate's name aloud to confirm the vote

(d) It shows each voter how many votes each candidate has received

Explanation: *The Electronic Voting Machine helps keep voters' choices a secret. The voter presses the button next to the chosen candidate's name, and the choice is not revealed publicly.*

(ii) Assertion (A): The Rajya Sabha is described as a permanent House. [1]
Reason (R): The Rajya Sabha cannot be dissolved by the President.

(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 but R is false

(d) A is false but R is true

Explanation: *Both statements are true. The Rajya Sabha is a permanent House because it cannot be dissolved by the President, so R correctly explains A.*

(iii) What is the minimum age required to become a member of the Rajya Sabha? [1]

(a) 21 years

(b) 25 years

(c) 30 years

(d) 35 years

Explanation: *A member of the Rajya Sabha must be at least 30 years of age. This is higher than the minimum age for Lok Sabha membership, which is 25 years.*

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2. **Fill in the blanks**

(i) The President may dissolve the _____ before its term if the party in power loses the support of the majority. [1]

Lok Sabha

Explanation: *The President may dissolve the Lok Sabha before the expiry of its 5-year term if the party in power loses the support of the majority.*

(ii) Subjects such as defence, banking and railways are placed in the legislative list called the _____. [1]

Union List

Explanation: *Defence, banking and railways are subjects in the Union List, on which only the Union Parliament can make laws. The Union List contains subjects of national importance.*

3. **Write whether the statement is true or false; if false, rewrite it correctly by changing the underlined word**

The Parliament of India is described as a <u>bicameral</u> legislature because it has two Houses. [1]

True

Explanation: *The statement is correct. The Parliament of India is described as a bicameral legislature because it has two Houses — the Lok Sabha (House of the People) and the Rajya Sabha (Council of States).*

4. **Match Column A with Column B** [3]

Column A	Column B
(a) Lok Sabha	(i) Their elected members choose most Rajya Sabha members
(b) State Legislative Assemblies	(ii) Branch of government that makes the laws of the country
(c) Legislature	(iii) Lower House of Parliament

(a) → (iii)

(b) → (i)

(c) → (ii)

5. What citizenship qualification must a member of the Lok Sabha possess? [1]

Model answer: A member of the Lok Sabha should be a citizen of India.

6. What is impeachment? Which officials can the Union Parliament impeach or remove? [2]

Model answer: Impeachment is the process by which Parliament can remove the President from office for violating the Constitution. As part of its judicial functions, Parliament can impeach or remove the President, the Vice-President and the judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts. Parliament can remove the judges if they violate the Constitution or misuse their authority, that is, on grounds of proven misbehaviour or incapacity.

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7. Study the image and answer the questions that follow.



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(i) In which House of Parliament is the financial document being presented in the image laid before members every year? [1]

Model answer: It is presented to the Lok Sabha every year.

(ii) What is the budget? What is a money bill? How is the budget approved? [2]

Model answer: The budget is an estimate of the annual income and expenditure of the government of India. A money bill is a bill that is solely about monetary matters. The budget has to be passed by the Parliament, and the Lok Sabha has the power to suggest a cut to the budget or even reject it altogether.

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