

Exercise walk-through

The Constitution ■ 3.9

eXercise

You must be able to

- state the CED's description of the central government created
- define federalism
- define separation of powers
- explain how 'limited but dynamic' can both be true

Method — The description

The Convention **created a limited but dynamic central government embodying federalism and providing for a separation of powers between its three branches.**

Method — Federalism

Power divided between a central government and the states, with each holding authority the other cannot simply override.

Method — Separation of powers

The three branches hold distinct functions, so no single body both makes and enforces a rule.

Method — Limited and dynamic

Limited in that its powers are enumerated and divided; **dynamic** in that it can act, expand and adapt within them. The CED's phrase holds both, and an answer keeping only one describes a different constitution.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the CED's description of the central government created.

Solution 2.1

Method: The description

Worked steps

a limited but dynamic central government **B1** embodying federalism and providing for a separation of powers between its three branches **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Define federalism and separation of powers.

Solution 2.2

Method: The description

Worked steps

federalism divides power between a central government and the states **B1**; separation of powers gives the three branches distinct functions **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

“Limited but dynamic” holds two ideas.

(a) Explain each.

(b) State what an answer keeping only one describes.

Solution 2.3

Method: Limited and dynamic

Worked steps

(a) limited because its powers are enumerated and divided **B1**; dynamic because it can act, expand and adapt within them **B1**. (b) a different constitution from the one the CED describes **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED says the central government embodied federalism and provided for

- A** a separation of powers between three branches
- B** a hereditary monarchy
- C** a single legislature only
- D** no courts

Solution 3.1

A a separation of powers between three branches



B a hereditary monarchy

C a single legislature only

D no courts

Worked steps

A. three branches.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Separation of powers means no single body

A both makes and enforces a rule

B may hold office

C may vote

D may raise taxes

Solution 3.2

Method: Separation of powers

A both makes and enforces a rule



B may hold office

C may vote

D may raise taxes

Worked steps

A. makes and enforces.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A government has enumerated powers and still grows in what it does.

- (a) State the CED's phrase.
- (b) Explain how both hold.

Solution 3.3

Method: Limited and dynamic

Worked steps

(a) limited but dynamic **B1**. (b) the enumeration fixes the boundary of its authority **B1** without fixing how fully it acts inside that boundary **B1**.