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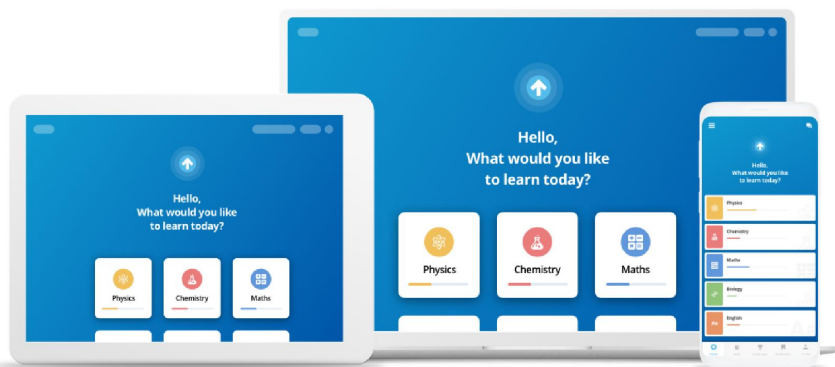
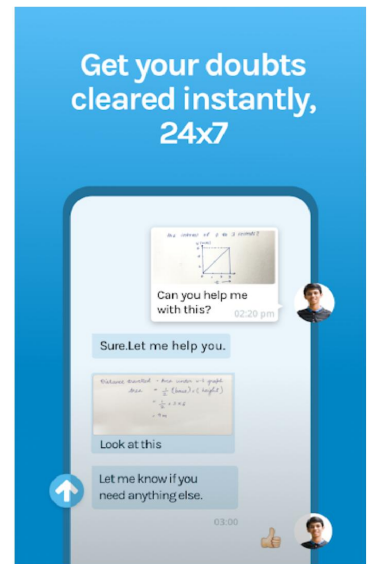
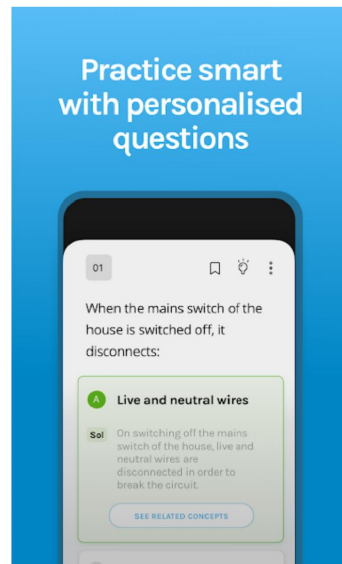
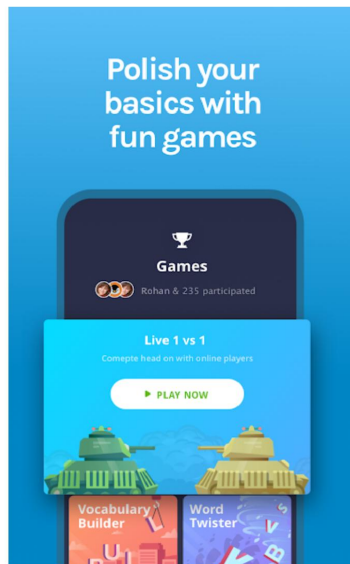
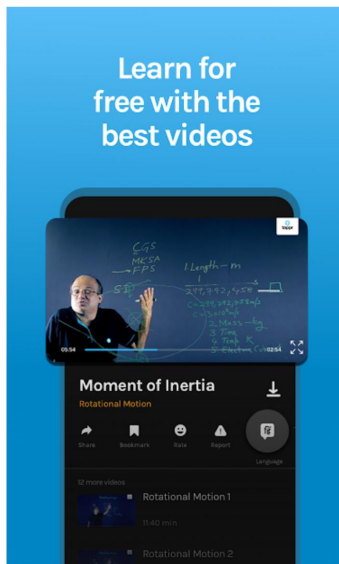
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#492665

Consider the following statements about power sharing arrangements in Belgium and Sri Lanka.

- A. In Belgium, the Dutch-speaking majority people tried to impose their domination on the minority French-speaking community.
- B. In Sri Lanka, the policies of the government sought to ensure the dominance of the Sinhala-speaking majority.
- C. The Tamils in Sri Lanka demanded a federal arrangement of power sharing to protect their culture, language and equality of opportunity in education and jobs.
- D. The transformation of Belgium from unitary government to a federal one prevented a possible division of the country on linguistic lines.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A** A, B, C and D
- B** A, B and D
- C** C and D
- D** B, C and D

Solution

The power-sharing arrangements in Belgium and Sri Lanka are as follows:-

1. In Belgium, French-speaking people were relatively rich and powerful community.
2. In Sri Lanka, the policies of the government sought to ensure the dominance of the Sinhala-speaking majority.
3. The Tamils in Sri Lanka demanded a federal arrangement of power sharing to protect their culture, language, and equality of opportunity in education and jobs.
4. The transformation of Belgium from the unitary government to a federal one prevented a possible division of the country on linguistic lines.
5. In Belgium, the Dutch-speaking community could take advantage of its numeric majority and force its will on the French and German-speaking population.

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Match List I (forms of power sharing) with List II (forms of government) and select the correct answer using the codes given below in the lists:

	List I		List II
1	Power shared among different organs of government	A	Community government
2	Power shared among governments at different levels	B	Separation of powers
3	Power shared by different social groups	C	Coalition government
4	Power shared by two or more political parties	D	Federal government

- A** 1-D, 2-A, 3-B, 4-C
- B** 1-B, 2-C, 3-D, 4-A
- C** 1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C
- D** 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B

Solution

Power shared among different organs of government- Separation of power

Power shared among governments at different levels- Federal government

Power shared by different social groups- Community government

Power shared by two or more political parties- Coalition government

#492667

Consider the following two statements on power sharing and select the answer using the codes given below:

- A. Power sharing is good for democracy.
- B. It helps to reduce the possibility of conflict between social groups.

Which of these statements are true and false?

- A** A is true but B is false
- B** Both A and B are true
- C** Both A and B are false
- D** A is false but B is true

Solution

Power sharing in democracy describes a system of governance in which all major segments of society are provided a permanent share of power. Power sharing is good for democracy. Power sharing helps to reduce the possibility of conflicts between social groups. Power sharing makes people dependent and responsible.