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# Answers

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  - The Belgian leaders recognised the existence of regional differences and cultural diversities and made amendments in the constitution.
  - Equal representation for the Dutch and the French in the Central government.
  - Many powers of the central government was given to the state governments.
  - Brussels had a separate government with equal representation for the French and the Dutch.
  - A community government with leaders from all the three communities was created to take decisions on culture , education and language related issues.
  
2. Why do you think Sri Lanka's excellent record of economic development ,health and education received a terrible set back in the later years ?
  - In 1956, Majoritarian laws were passed in Sri Lanka that were discriminatory.
  - The Sri Lankan Tamils felt that the constitution and the government policies denied them equality and discriminated them.
  - Political organisations were formed demanding equality and later a separate Tamil state.
  - The distrust between the two communities led to a civil war.
  - This civil war led to the death, loss of livelihood etc which resulted in the set back to the country's development .