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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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1. The Constitution of India visualised village panchayats as units of self-government. Think

over the situation described in the following statements and explain how do these situations strengthen or weaken the panchayats in becoming units of self-government.

Government of State has allowed a big company to establish a huge steel plant. Many villages would be adversely affected by the steel plant. Gram Sabha of one of the affected villages passed a resolution that before establishing any big industries in the region, village people must be consulted and their grievances should be redressed.



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The government has decided that 20% of all its expenditure would be done through the panchayats.



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A village panchayats kept on demanding funds for a building for village school, the government officials turned down their

proposal saying that funds are allocated for certain other schemes and cannot be spent otherwise.



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The government divided a village Dungarpur into two and made a part of village Jamuna and Sohana. Now village Dungarpur has ceased to exist in government's books.



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A village panchayat observed that water sources of their region are depleting fast. They decided to mobilise village youth to do some voluntary work and revive the old village ponds and wells.



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6. Suppose you are entrusted to evolve a local government plan of a state, what powers would you endow to the village panchayats to function as units of self-government? Mention any five powers and the justification in two lines for each of them for giving those powers.



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7. What are the provisions for the reservations for the socially disadvantaged groups as per

the 73rd Amendment ? Explain how these provisions have changed the profile of the leadership at the village level.



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8. What were the main differences between the local governments before 73rd Amendment and after that Amendment?



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9. Read the following conversation. Write in two hundred words your opinion about the issues raised in this conversation.

Alok : Our Constitution guarantees equality between men and women. Reservations in local bodies for women ensure their equal share in power.

Neha : But it is not enough that women should be in positions of power. It is necessary that the budget of local bodies should have separate provision for women.

Jayesh : I don't like this reservations business.

A local body must take care of all people in the village and that would automatically take care of women and their interests.



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10. Read the provisions of the 73rd Amendment. Which of the following concerns does this amendment address?

Fear of replacement makes representatives accountable to the people.



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11. Read the provisions of the 73rd Amendment. Which of the following concerns does this amendment address?

The dominant casts and feudal landlords dominate the local bodies.



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12. Read the provisions of the 73rd Amendment. Which of the following concerns does this amendment address?

Rural illiteracy is very high. Illiterate people cannot take decisions about the development of the village.



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13. Read the provisions of the 73rd Amendment. Which of the following concerns does this amendment address?

To be effective the village panchayats need resources and powers to make plans for the village development.



14. The following are different justifications given in favour of local government. Give them ranking and explain why you attach greater significance to a particular rationale than the others. According to you, on which of these rationales the decision of the Gram Panchayat of Vengaivasal village was based? How ?

(i) The Government can complete the projects with lesser cost with the involvement of the local community.

(ii) The development plans made by the local people will have greater acceptability than those made by the government officers.

(iii) People know their area, needs problems and priorities. By collective participation they should discuss and take decisions about their life.

(iv) It is difficult for the common people to contact their representatives of the State or the national legislature.



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15. Which of the following according to you involve decentralisation ? Why are other options not sufficient for decentralisation ?

To hold election of the Gram Panchayat.



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16. Which of the following according to you involve decentralisation ? Why are other options not sufficient for decentralisation ?

Decision what policies and programmes are useful for the village.



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17. Which of the following according to you involve decentralisation ? Why are other options not sufficient for decentralisation ?

Power to call meeting of Gram Sabha.



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18. Which of the following according to you involve decentralisation ? Why are other options not sufficient for decentralisation ?

A Gram Panchayat receiving the report from the Block Development Officer about the progress of a project started by the State Government.



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below. If you were among those villagers, what answer would you give to each of these questions ?

A meeting of the Gram Sabha is to be called to discuss what steps should be taken to ensure that every child of the village goes to the school.

(a) How would you decide the suitable day for the meeting? Think who would be able to attend/not attend the meeting because of your choice.

(i) A day specified by the BDO or the collector.

(ii) Day of the village haat

(iii) Sunday

(iv) Naag panchami/sankranti.



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(b) What is a suitable venue for the meeting?

Why ?

(i) Venue suggested by the circular of the district collector.

(ii) Religious place in the village.

(iii) Dalit Maholla.

(iv) Upper caste Tola

(v) Village school.



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In the Gram Sabha meeting firstly a circular sent by the district collector was read. It suggested what steps should be taken to organise an education rally and what should be its route. The meeting did not discuss about the children who never come to school or about girl's education, or the condition of the school building and the timing of the school. No women teacher attended the meeting as it was held on Sunday. What do

you think about these proceedings as an instance of people's participation?



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Imagine your class as the Gram Sabha. Discuss the agenda of the meeting and suggest some steps to realise the goal.



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1. Local government is government at the village and.....level.



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2. Local government believes that local knowledge and local interest are essential ingredients for democratic.....



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3. In modern times, elected local government bodies were created after 1882....., who was the Viceroy of India at the time, took the initiative in creating these bodies.



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4. Identify the Amendment.

The Amendment is about rural local governments which are also known as Panchayati Raj Institutions.





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5. Identify the Amendment.

The Amendment made the provisions relating to urban local government Nagarpalikas.



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6. Identify the Article.

Powers, authority and responsibilities of Panchayats.



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7. The State government is required to appoint a.....who would be responsible for conducting elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions.

- A. State linguistic commission
- B. State Election Commissioner
- C. State Finance Commissioner
- D. State institutional Commission

Answer: B



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8. The State government is also required to appoint a State Finance Commission once in years.

A. three

B. four

C. five

D. six

Answer: C



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9. In Bolivia,.....of nation wide tax collections are distributed among municipalities on a per capita basis.

A. 20 %

B. 30 %

C. 35 %

D. 25 %

Answer: B



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10. Correct and rewrite the statement.

It is believed that self-governing village communities existed in India from the earliest times in the form of 'Mahasabhas' (village assemblies).



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11. Correct and rewrite the statement.

In modern times, elected local government bodies were created after 1902.



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12. Correct and rewrite the statement.

Following the Government of India Act 1921, village panchayats were established in a number of provinces. This trend continued after the Government of India Act of 1935.





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13. Identify the programme in 1952, which sought to promote people's participation in local development in a range of activities.



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14. Identify the system of local government that was recommended for the rural areas.



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15. Identify the committee in 1989 that recommended Constitutional recognition for the local government bodies.



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16. What do you mean by local government ?



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17. Name the Viceroy who created the local bodies in British India.



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18. Name the states to have local government during 1960s and 1970s.



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19. Mention the sources of income of local bodies.



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20. Name the main local self-governing bodies.



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21. Mention the three organs of the Gram Panchayat.



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22. What do you mean by the Panchayati Raj ?



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23. What are the organs of the Panchayati Raj ?



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24. Write the main functions of each of the organs of the Gram Panchayat.



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25. Who is known as Mayor?



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26. Mention the role of the State Election Commissioner.



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1. What is the need and importance of local bodies?



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2. Mention the views of Mahatma Gandhi on village Panchayats.



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3. What is the composition of the Gram Sabha?



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4. What are the main functions of Gram Sabha?



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5. What is the composition of Gram Panchayat?

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6. What are the main functions of Panchayats?

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7. What is the composition the Zila Parishad?

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8. Mention the sources of income to Zila Parishad?

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9. What is the composition of Finance Commission ?

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10. What are the functions of the State Finance Commission ?

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1. What does the Panchayati Raj stand for?

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2. What is the composition of Panchayat Samiti?



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3. What are the main functions of Gram Panchayat?



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4. What are the main functions of Gram Sabha?



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5. Mention the weaknesses of Panchayati Raj system.



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6. What were the constitutional provisions for local self-government before 1992 ?



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7. The local government strengthens democracy'. Justify the statement.



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8. When is the importance of year 1992 and 1993 for local governments?



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9. You are a member of local government. Being in that position suggest any four steps to improve the situation of rural areas. Support your answer with appropriate arguments.



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Additional Questions With Answers Iv Long Answer Type Questions

1. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follows :

The Constitutional amendments assigned as many as 29 subjects to the local governments.

All these subjects are related to functions linked to local welfare and development needs.

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that local governments in India enjoy limited autonomy to perform the functions assigned

to them. Many States have not transferred most of the subjects to the local bodies

cannot really function in an effective manner. Therefore, the entire exercise of electing so many representatives becomes somewhat symbolic. Some people criticise the formation of the local bodies because this has not changed the way in which decisions are taken at the central and the State level. People at the local level do not enjoy much powers of choosing welfare programmes or allocation of resources.

How many subjects have been assigned to local governments?



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What is the main theme of these subjects?



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How can we say that local government enjoy limited autonomy only?



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On what grounds, the formation of local bodies have been criticised?



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Who conducts elections for local bodies?



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Who performed this task earlier?



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What is the status of the State Election Commissioner?



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What was the basic purpose for introducing

two Constitutional amendments called 73rd and 74th amendment?



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Explain the three tier structure of the Panchayati Raj Institution.



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1. Mention some subjects included in the eleventh schedule.



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2. Explain the three-tier structure of Panchayati Raj along with one function of each of them.



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3. Distinguish between Gram Panchayat and Gram Sabha. What are the functions of Gram Panchayat?



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4. What is the importance of local bodies in the modern times ?



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