

Worksheet

Our Government

Question 1: Write T for True or F for False.

- The head of a municipal committee is called president. (False)
- The government builds roads. (True)
- A new municipal committee is elected every year. (False)

Tips:

- The Mayor is the head of the municipal corporation, but in most states and territories of India the role is largely ceremonial as executive powers are vested in the Municipal Commissioner.
- Building and maintaining roads and bridges is generally the responsibility of state and local governments.
- Each ward has one seat in the wards committee. Members are elected to the wards committee on the basis of adult franchise for a term of five years.

Question 2: Circle the correct answers.

- Local self-governing bodies collect money through taxes / donations.
- The minimum age to vote in a municipal election is 18 / 21 years.
- A hospital / restaurant is a civic amenity.

Tips:

- Local self-governing bodies rely heavily on grants-in-aid from the state government to finance their budgets, they are authorised to collect various taxes, such as those levied on property, entertainment.
- The Voting Rights Act of 1965 that required the voting age to be 18 in all federal, state, and local elections.
- The facilities that are allotted to the general people by the government of India and by the municipal corporations are called civic amenities.

Question 3: The underlined word in each sentence is incorrect. Write the correct word.

- Local bodies receive money from the state government.
- The government elected at the local level is called the local self-government.
- One municipal councillor is elected from each city.

Question 4: Answer these questions.

Where do the local bodies get money from?

Answer : The panchayats receive funds from three sources i.e., local body grants, as recommended by the Central Finance Commission, funds for implementation of centrally-sponsored schemes, and funds released by the state governments on the recommendations of the State Finance Commissions.

Who elects the members of the local bodies?

Answer : Three members of the board belong to the Scheduled Castes. The members elected by residents of the municipal area on the basis of adult franchise, elect the president. The term of office of the members and president is five years, which can be enhanced by the state Government in special circumstances.

What is local self-government?

Answer : Local self-government refers to a government which is formed by people living in the same locality.

Question 5: Think and Answer.

Harjeet is a 19-year-old boy from Amritsar visiting his friend Selvan in Mumbai. Selvan is 17 years old. Can Harjeet and Selvan vote in the municipal elections? Why or why not?

Answer : Selvan cannot Vote because he is underage and Harjit can Vote. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 that required the voting age to be 18 in all federal, state, and local elections.