

Chapter – 5

Panchayati Raj

Worksheet - 2

Choose the correct option:

1. Whose names should be included, in BPL families?

- (a) Very poor person
- (b) Middle family person
- (c) High income group
- (d) All of these

2. What are the works of Gram Panchayat?

- (a) Maintain roads of villages
- (b) School buildings in villages
- (c) Collecting local taxes
- (d) All of these

3. What is Zila Parishad?

- (a) District Panchayat
- (b) Block Panchayat
- (c) Gram Sabha
- (d) None of these

4. At which level does Zila Parishad actually make development plans?

- (a) District level
- (b) Panchayat Samiti
- (c) Block level
- (d) Government level

5. In rural areas, the _____ is the first tier or level of democratic government.

- (a) District Panchayat
- (b) Block Panchayat
- (c) Gram Panchayat
- (d) None of these

6. Zila Parishad actually makes developmental plans at the district level.

- (a) District level
- (b) Block level
- (c) Village level
- (d) None of these

7. Within the guidelines given in the _____ each state in the country has its own laws with regard to Panchayats.

- (a) Panchayat book
- (b) Constitution
- (c) Village rule book
- (d) None of these

8. Which of these is a source of funds for the Panchayat?

- (a) Collection of taxes on houses, market places etc.
- (b) Government scheme funds received through various departments of the government – through the Janpad and Zila Panchayats.
- (c) Donations for community works etc.
- (d) All of these

9. The Gram Panchayat has a _____ who is also the _____ of the Gram Sabha.

- (a) Secretary
- (b) President
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of these

10. Anyone who is _____ years old or more and who has the right to vote is a member of the Gram Sabha.

- (a) 18
- (b) 20
- (c) 25
- (d) 30

Answer the following Questions.

- 11. Describe the Functions of the Gram Sabha.
- 12. Write about the work of a Gram Panchayat.
- 13. Who are Panch and Sarpanch?
- 14. How a person can become Panch or Sarpanch?

15. Elaborate the role of Panchayati Raj and explain briefly the three-tier system it constitutes.
16. What problem did the villagers in Hardas village face? What did they do to solve this problem?
17. What is the difference between a Gram Sabha and a Gram Panchayat?
18. What are the Sources of funds for the Panchayat?
19. How does the Gram Sabha prevent the Panchayat from doing wrong things?
20. Read the following news item. Nimone is a village on the Chauphula-Shirur Road. Like many others, this village has also been facing a severe water shortage for the last few months and villagers depend on tankers for all their needs. Bhagvan Mahadeo Lad (35) of this village was beaten with sticks, iron rods and axes by a group of seven men. The incident came to light when some villagers brought a badly injured Lad to hospital for treatment. In the FIR recorded by the police Lad said that he was attacked when he insisted that the water in the tanker must be emptied into the storage tanks constructed as part of the water supply scheme by Nimone Gram Panchayat so that there would be equal distribution of water. However, he alleged that the upper caste men were against this and told him that the tanker water was not meant for the lower castes.

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- a. Why was Bhagvan beaten?
- b. Do you think that the above is a case of discrimination? Why?