

## **Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)**

### **Q. 1. Describe how private companies perform?**

**Ans. (i)** Throughout the world, water supply is the responsibility of the government. There are very few instances of private water supply.

**(ii)** There are areas in the world where public water supply has achieved universal access.

**(iii)** In a few cases, where the responsibility for water supply was handed over to private companies, there was a steep rise in the price of water, making it unaffordable by many.

**(iv)** The water supply department in Mumbai, raises enough money through water charges to cover its expenses on supply of water.

### **Q. 2. Examine the important characteristics of a public facility**

**Ans. (i)** Once it is provided, its benefits can be shared by many people.

**(ii)** For instance, a school in the village or city will enable many children to get educated.

**(iii)** The supply of electricity to an area can be useful for many people.

Farmers can run pump sets to irrigate their fields, people can open small workshops that run on electricity, students will find it easier to study and most people in the village will benefit in one way or the other.