

Chapter 3

Panchayat

I. Choose the correct answer.

Question 1.

Panchayat is a _____ level government.

- a) District
- b) State
- c) Village

Answer:

- c) Village

Question 2.

_____ introduced the word 'Gram Swaraj'.

- a) Kamarajar
- b) Mahatma Gandhi
- c) Nehru

Answer:

- b) Mahatma Gandhi

Question 3.

The lower level of the three tier system is _____ panchayat.

- a) District
- b) Block level
- c) Village

Answer:

- c) Village

Question 4.

Who elects / elect the Vice President of the Panchayat?

- a) People
- b) Ward members
- c) District collector

Answer:

- a) People

Question 5.

The tenure of the members of the Panchayat is _____

- a) 15 years
- b) 10 years
- c) 5 years

Answer:

c) 5 years

II. Match the following.

1. Kudavolai	a. development of plan
2. Gram Panchayat	b. obligatory function
3. Planting trees	c. old system of election
4. Street lights	d. discretionary function
5. Gram sabha	e. people above 500

Answer:

1. Kudavolai	a. old system of election
2. Gram Panchayat	b. people above 500
3. Planting trees	c. discretionary function
4. Street lights	d. obligatory function
5. Gram sabha	e. development of plan

III. Answer the following.

Question 1.

What is Village Panchayat?

Answer:

Village panchayat is the root of Panchayat Raj system. It provides the basic facilities for the village people.

Question 2.

Illustrate the Three tier system.

Answer:

Panchayat Raj is the three-tier system, they are

1. District Level: District Panchayat (Zilla Parishad)
2. Block Level: Panchayat Union (Mandal Parishad/Panchyat Samiti)
3. Village Level: Village Panchayat (Gram Parishad)

Question 3.

Write any three obligatory functions of the Panchayat.

Answer:

1. Providing electricity and maintaining the street lights.
2. Construction and maintenance of village wells.

3. Providing drinking water.

Question 4.

Write any three discretionary functions of the Panchayat.

Answer:

1. Planting trees on either sides of roads
2. Setting up and maintenance of public markets
3. Setting up of "Gardens".

Question 5.

When is the Gram Sabha meeting held?

Answer:

Gram Sabha meeting must be held at least four times a year.

Meeting must be conducted on following dates.

1. 26th January
2. 1st – May
3. 15th – August
4. 2nd – October

Project work:

Question 1.

Write the facilities which you get from your Panchayat.

Answer:

1. We get good drinking water facilities.
2. We get good road and gardens in our village.
3. Maintaining the village wells.
4. Setting and maintaining the village library.
5. We get good electricity facilities.
6. Providing and maintaining sanitation facilities.
7. Setting up sewage channels.
8. Setting up and maintenance of playgrounds.
9. Setting up and maintenance of public market.

Activity Let us Answer (Text Book Page No. 172):

Question 1.

Write the name of your village panchayat president?

Answer:

Mr. Vellaisamy

Question 2.

How many ward members are there in your village panchayat?

Answer:

12

Think Zone (Text Book Page No. 175):

Question 1.

Is there any library, in your village?

Answer:

Yes, we have one small library in our village.

Question 2.

Is there any park, in your village?

Answer:

No, there is no park in my village

Question 3.

Is there any playground in your village?

Answer:

Yes, we have a big play ground in our village.