

Grassroots Democracy Part 2 Local Government in Rural Areas

A. Mu	ltiple Choice Questions (M	CQs).		
1.	. The Panchayati Raj system is also known as:			
	a) Central government		c) State government	
	b) Self-government		d) Cooperative society	
2.	Which officer helps the G	ram Panchayat with land rec	ords?	
	a) Patwari		c) MLA	
	b) Collector		d) Panchayat Secretary	
3.	The Panchayati Raj system	n is a:		
	a) One-tier system		c) Three-tier system	
	b) Two-tier system		d) Four-tier system	
4.	The Child-Friendly Pancha	yat Initiative ensures that Pa	anchayats also listen to:	
	a) Women		c) Government officials	
	b) Farmers		d) Children	
5.	Which State's Gram Panch	nayat was declared child-frie	ndly for building safe school	walls and
	kitchens?			
	a) Rajasthan		c) Maharashtra	
	b) Sikkim		d) Gujarat	
6.	The Children's Parliament	received the World's Childre	en's Honorary Award in:	
	a) 2001		c) 1995	
	b) 2000		d) 2010	
7.	The Children's Parliament	was linked to which initiativ	e?	
	a) Swachh Bharat Mission		c) Midday Meal Scheme	
	b) Barefoot College		d) MNREGA	
8.	Panchayat Samiti function	s at which level?		
	a) Village		c) District	
	b) Block		d) State	
9.	What fraction of seats are	reserved for women in Pan	chayati Raj institutions?	
	a) One-fourth		c) Half	
	b) Two-thirds		d) One-third	

10	. Who wrote the Arthashastra?			
	a) Panini	c) Ashoka		
	b) Kauṭilya / Chāṇakya	d) Chanakya Maurya		
B. Fill	in the Blanks.			
1.	India has about	villages.		
2.	Two-thirds of India's population	n lives in areas.		
3.	Bal Panchayats in Maharashtra	worked to eliminate and		
4.	The Children's Parliament was started in State.			
5.	Panchayati Raj institutions differ across States because States have over them.			
6.	5. Vandana Bahadur Maida is from the community.			
C. Tru	e or False.			
1.	The real India lives in its village	S.		
2.	Villagers must always go to the	national capital for small disputes.		
3.	. Panchayats bring governance closer to the people.			
4.	. Children's Parliament allowed children to contest elections with voter ID cards.			
5.	The Barefoot College initiative was launched in Maharashtra.			
6.	Children's Parliament focused only on games and sports.			
D. IVIa	tch the Following			
	Column A	Column B	Ans.	
1.	Gram Sabha	1. All adults in a village	1	
2.	Sarpanch	2. Head of Gram Panchayat	2	
3.	Dnyaneshwar Kamble's motto	3. Gram seva, lok seva	3	
4.	Vandana Bahadur Maida	4. First female Sarpanch of Khankhandvi	4	
5.	Popatrao Baguji Pawar	5. Padma Shri awardee, transformed Hiware Ba	zar 5	
6.	Pradhan Mantri Yojana	6. Rural road construction	6	
E Cha	rt Answer Questions.			
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1.	What is Panchayati Raj?			
	Ans			

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3.	Who elects the members of the Gram Panchayat? Ans
4.	Why is Panchayati Raj called self-government? Ans
5.	What is the significance of reserving seats for women in Panchayati Raj institutions? Ans.
6.	What is the role of Panchayat Samiti? Ans
7.	What is the purpose of the Child-Friendly Panchayat Initiative? Ans
	Why do Panchayati Raj institutions differ from state to state? Ans
9.	Who wrote the Arthashastra, and what did it describe? Ans
10.	At which level does Zila Parishad function? Ans
_	Answer Questions. What is the Panchayati Raj system? Explain its importance.
	Ans

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2.	Describe the role of the Gram Panchayat and the Gram Sabha.
	Ans
3.	What is the Child-Friendly Panchayat Initiative? Give examples.
••	Ans
4.	Explain the functions of Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad. Ans.
5 .	Write about some inspiring Sarpanchs and their contributions. Ans.
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3. ATPWRIA

6. ILOUNCC

H. One	e-word Answer.	
1.	A group of adults in a village who elect Gram Panchayat	
2.	Administrative helper of Gram Panchayat	
3.	Initiative in which children participate in village governance	
4.	State where children fought against child labour and marriage	
5.	Child-friendly Gram Panchayat in Sikkim	
6.	Founder of Barefoot College initiative	
I. Asse	rtion–Reason Questions	
Codes		
(a) Bot	th A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A	
(b) Bo	th A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A	
(c) A is	true, but R is false	
(d) A is	s false, but R is true	
1.	Assertion (A): The Zila Parishad functions at the district level in the	ne Panchayati Raj system.
	Reason (R): The Zila Parishad coordinates only international deve	lopment projects.
	Ans	
2.	2. Assertion (A): Popatrao Pawar transformed Hiware Bazar village through water conservation.	
	Reason (R): He introduced rainwater harvesting, watershed mana	agement, and tree plantation.
	Ans	
3.	Assertion (A): One-third of seats in Panchayati Raj institutions are	e reserved for women.
	Reason (R): This ensures that only men can dominate Gram Sabh	a meetings.
	Ans	
4.	Assertion (A): The Panchayat Secretary assists in administrative for	unctions of the Gram Panchayat.
	Reason (R): The Panchayat Secretary maintains records and calls	meetings.
	Ans	
5.	Assertion (A): Bal Panchayats in Maharashtra worked against chil	d labour and child marriage.
	Reason (R): They encouraged parents to send children back to sch	hool.

J. Read the Passage and Answer the following questions

Passage:

Hiware Bazar, a village in Maharashtra, once faced droughts and poor crops. After Popatrao Pawar became its Sarpanch, he introduced rainwater harvesting, watershed conservation, and massive tree plantation. These efforts recharged groundwater and transformed Hiware Bazar into a green, prosperous village. For this work, Popatrao Pawar was awarded the Padma Shri in 2020.

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1.	Which village was transformed by Popatrao Pawar?
	Ans
2.	What problems did the village face earlier?
	Ans
3.	What steps did Popatrao Pawar take for development?
	Ans
4.	Which award did he receive and in which year?
	Ans

Answer

A. Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

- 1. b) Governance 5. b) Judiciary 9. c) Largest democracy
- 2. d) All of the above 6. c) Three 10. d) 18 years
- 3. a) Legislature 7. c) Rule of the people
- 4. c) Executive 8. a) People

B. Fill in the Blanks

- 1. Communities 5. Cyber police 9. Chief Minister
- 2. The Mahabharata 6. 970 10. Yato Dharmastato Jayah
- 3. Order, harmony 7. Laws
- 4. Prime Minister 8. Irrigation

C. True or False

- 1. False 2. True 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. False 7. False
- 8. True 9. False 10. True

D. Short Answer Questions

- Rules are necessary to maintain order, peace, and harmony. Without them, society would face confusion and disorder.
- 2. The executive includes the President, Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, ministers, and agencies like the police.
- 3. It prevents misuse of authority and ensures that each organ checks and balances the others.
- 4. Local Government, State Government, and Central (Union) Government.
- 5. A nominal head holds the title and special powers but does not interfere in daily governance (e.g., President, Governor).
- 6. He played a key role in developing India's missile and space programmes and inspired youth through education and innovation.
- 7. In direct democracy, all people participate directly in decision-making. Example: Class voting to choose a picnic spot.
- 8. Because it has the largest number of eligible voters, about 970 million in 2024.
- 9. A system that enables ordinary citizens at the village/town level to participate in decisions affecting them.
- 10. People used to send money through post offices using money orders.

E. Long Answer Questions

1. Governance is the process of making decisions, creating rules, and ensuring they are followed.

Example: Schools make rules for discipline, traffic police manage road safety, and the government makes laws for citizens' welfare.

- 2. We need a government to make laws, maintain peace and order, protect citizens' rights, provide services like education and health, and ensure justice. Without it, there would be chaos.
- 3. Separation of powers means dividing authority among the legislature, executive, and judiciary. It prevents misuse of power, ensures fairness, and maintains a balance in governance.
- 4. Local Government handles local issues (roads, sanitation).

State Government manages state matters (agriculture, law and order).

Central Government deals with national matters (defence, foreign policy).

Example: In floods, local bodies manage villages, the state sends rescue teams, and the centre may send the army.

5. India's government functions at three levels—local, state, and national. The local government looks after small issues like sanitation or a minor flood in a town. The state government handles bigger matters, such as district-level floods, health, and agriculture. The national government takes care of major concerns like defence, foreign affairs, and large disasters by sending the army or providing nationwide relief. This division of work ensures quick action, reduces the burden on one authority, and makes governance more effective in a large country like India.

F. Difference Between

1. Governance: Process of decision-making and enforcing rules.

Government: Institution/system that makes and enforces rules.

Direct Democracy: People directly decide (small groups). Example: class voting.
 Representative Democracy: People elect representatives. Example: MLAs/MPs in India.

G. Match the Following

1-vi 2-v 3-ii 4-iii 5-i 6-iv

H. One-Word Answer

- 1. Government 2. President of India 3. MLA 4. Kratos 5. MPs
- 6. Governor 7. Supreme Court 8. House 9. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- 10. Direct Democracy

I. Assertion-Reason

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- d) A is false, but R is true.