

UNIT: 2 LOCAL BODIES - RURAL AND URBAN

CLASS: VI

SUBJECT: SOCIAL (CIVICS)

I. Choose the correct answer.

- _____ is set up with several village panchayats
a) **Panchayat Union** b) District Panchayat c) Taluk d) Revenue village
- _____ is National Panchayat Raj Day.
a) January 24 b) July 24 c) November 24 **d) April 24**
- The oldest urban local body in India is _____.
a) Delhi **b) Chennai** c) Kolkata d) Mumbai
- _____ District has the highest number of Panchayat Unions.
a) Vellore b) Thiruvallore **c) Villupuram** d) Kanchipuram
- The head of a corporation is called a _____.
a) Mayor b) Commissioner c) Chair Person d) President

II. Fill in the blanks.

- Tamilnadu is the first state in India to introduce town Panchayat.
- The Panchayat Raj Act was enacted in the year April 24, 1992.
- The tenure of the local body representative is five years.
- Walajahpet in Vellore Dt is the first municipality in Tamil Nadu.

III. Match the following.

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| 1. Grama Sabha | - | Permanent Unit |
| 2. Panchayat Union | - | Block Development Officer |
| 3. Town Panchayat | - | Executive Officer |
| 4. Local body election | - | State Election Commission |

IV. Answer the following.

1. **Is there any corporation in your district? Name it.**

Dindigul Corporation.

2. **What is the need for local bodies?**

In order to fulfill the requirements of the people and to involve them directly in governance, there is need for an effective system of local bodies.

3. **What are the divisions of a rural local body?**

The rural local bodies are Categorized into Village Panchayats, Panchayat Unions and District Panchayats.

4. What are the divisions of a Urban local body?

The Urban local bodies are Categorized into City Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats.

5. Who are the representatives elected in a Village Panchayat?

The elected representatives in a Village Panchayat are

- ❖ Panchayat President
- ❖ Ward members
- ❖ Councillor
- ❖ District Panchayat Ward Councillor.

6. List out a few functions of corporations.

- Drinking-Water Supply
- Street Light
- Maintenance of Clean Environment
- Primary Health facilities
- Corporation Schools
- Birth and Death registration etc.

7. List out a few means of revenue of village Panchayats.

Revenue of Village Panchayats are

- House Tax
- Professional Tax
- Tax on shops
- Water charges
- Specific fees for property tax
- Specific fees for transfer of immovable property
- Funds from Central and State Governments, etc.

8. When are Grama Sabha meetings convened? What are the special on those days?

- The Grama Sabha meetings are Convened on January 26, May 1, August 15, and October 2.
- These days are celebrated as National festival days every year.

9. What are the special features of Panchayat Raj system?

Special features of Panchayat Raj .

- ❖ Grama Sabha
- ❖ Three tier local body governance.
- ❖ Reservations
- ❖ Panchayat elections
- ❖ Tenure
- ❖ Finance Commission

❖ Account and Audit, etc.

10. What is the importance of Grama Sabha?

Grama Sabha is essential for the effective functioning of Village Panchayat. It enhances public participation in the planning and implementation of schemes for social benefit.

V. HOTs

1. Local bodies play an important role in the development of villages and cities. How?

- ❖ Local self government has been playing a vital role.
- ❖ The local bodies provide services to the local community.
- ❖ They act as an instrument of democratic self-government.
- ❖ This level of government is recognised by the people as they are close to the citizens and involve them in the decision making process.
- ❖ These institutions perform the functions related to education, sanitation, public health, industry, etc and try to tackle the day-to-day problems of the local people. In a big country like India, the Union government and State government are unable to know the local problems of the citizens. Only the local people can suggest the right solution to local problem
- ❖ These bodies lessen the workload of Central and State governments. They are the best schools of democracy.
- ❖ Therefore the local bodies play an important role in the development of villages and cities.

VI. Activities

1. Find out the number of local bodies in your district and list them.

Name of the District	Village Panchayat	Panchayat Union (Blocks)	Town Panchayat	Municipality	Corporation
Ariyalur	201	6	2	2	-
Chennai	-	-	-	-	1
Coimbatore	389	13	52	6	1
Cuddalore	682	13	16	5	-
Dharmapuri	251	8	10	1	-
Dindigul	306	14	24	2	1
Erode	343	14	53	4	1

Kancheepuram	648	13	24	10	-
Kanyakumari	99	9	56	4	-
Karur	157	8	11	4	-
Krishnagiri	337	10	7	2	-
Madurai	431	12	24	6	1
Nagapattinam	434	11	8	4	-
Namakkal	331	15	19	5	-
Perambalur	121	4	4	1	-
Pudukottai	498	13	8	2	-
Ramanathapuram	443	11	7	4	-
Salem	385	20	33	4	1
Sivagangai	445	12	12	3	-
Thanjavour	589	14	22	2	1
Nilgris	35	4	11	4	-
Theni	130	8	22	6	-
Thruvallur	539	14	13	5	-
Thruvannamalai	860	18	10	4	-
Thiruvarur	430	10	7	4	-
Thoothukudi	408	12	19	2	1
Tiruchirappalli	408	14	17	3	1
Tirunelveli	425	19	36	8	1
Tiruppur	273	13	17	6	1
Vellore	753	20	22	8	1
Villupuram	1104	22	15	3	-
Virudhunagar	450	11	9	7	-
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