Grassroots Democracy: Local Government in Urban Areas

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 36 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. A big city like Mumbai or Chennai is run by a:
   (a) Nagar Panchayat **(b)** Zila Parishad
   (c) Gram Panchayat **(d)** Municipal Corporation

2. The local body of a big city like Mumbai or Chennai is a:
   (a) Municipal Corporation **(b)** Lok Sabha
   (c) Zila Parishad **(d)** Gram Panchayat

3. What is the name for the member elected from a ward?
   (a) property tax **(b)** ward
   (c) councillor **(d)** Municipal Corporation

4. Which of these is a job of a Municipal Corporation?
   (a) collecting garbage **(b)** making laws for the whole country
   (c) issuing passports **(d)** deciding India's foreign policy

5. Which of these is NOT done by a city's local body?
   (a) collecting garbage **(b)** maintaining street lights
   (c) issuing passports **(d)** running public parks

6. A city has 56 wards. Each ward produces about 10 tonnes of garbage a day. How many tonnes does the whole city produce in a day?
   (a) 560 tonnes **(b)** 550 tonnes **(c)** 3,920 tonnes **(d)** 66 tonnes

7. The city charges a property tax of 5 rupees for every 100 rupees of a house's yearly value. A house's yearly value is ₹110,000. How much tax is due?
   (a) ₹5,500 **(b)** ₹5,505 **(c)** ₹55,000 **(d)** ₹22,000

8. A town of 31,000 people needs about 150 litres of water per person each day. How many litres does it need in a day?
   (a) 46,500,000 litres **(b)** 31,150 litres
   (c) 4,650,000 litres **(d)** 4,340,000 litres

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. What is a ward?

10. Write the correct term: (a) the tax people pay to the city on their houses (b) the local body of a big city

11. The city supplies about 150 litres of water per person each day. How much water does a family of 6 use in a week?

12. Which TWO of these are jobs of a Municipal Corporation? (a) registering births and deaths (b) maintaining street lights (c) making laws for the whole country

13. A ward produces about 11 tonnes of garbage a day. How much does it produce in a week?

14. A shop's yearly value is ₹460,000. The city's property tax is 2 rupees for every 100 rupees of yearly value. How much tax must the owner pay?

15. A Municipal Corporation has 128 wards. How many councillors are elected, and who leads the corporation?

16. A city's councillors were elected in 2005 for a term of five years. When is the next election due?

Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. Describe the work of a Municipal Corporation. Give four examples.

18. A city has 82 wards, each producing about 4 tonnes of garbage a day. (a) How much garbage does the city produce in a day? (b) Each truck carries 10 tonnes. How many truck loads are needed each day, at the least? (c) Suggest two ways citizens can reduce garbage.

19. In a ward, there are 1,100 houses, each with a yearly value of about ₹530,000. The property tax is 10 rupees per 100 rupees of yearly value. (a) How much tax does one house pay? (b) How much does the whole ward pay? (c) Name two services the city can pay for with this money.

20. Explain the role of each in running a city: (a) Municipal Corporation (b) property tax

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(d) Municipal Corporation**	—
2	**(a) Municipal Corporation**	—
3	**(c) councillor**	—
4	**(a) collecting garbage**	—
5	**(c) issuing passports**	—
6	**(a) 560 tonnes**	56 × 10 = 560
7	**(a) ₹5,500**	₹110,000 ÷ 100 × 5
8	**(c) 4,650,000 litres**	31,000 × 150
9	**A small area of a city that elects one councillor to the city's local body.**	—
10	**(a) property tax (b) Municipal Corporation**	—
11	**6,300 litres**	6 × 150 × 7
12	**registering births and deaths; maintaining street lights**	making laws for the whole country is done by the central government.
13	**77 tonnes**	11 × 7
14	**₹9,200**	₹460,000 ÷ 100 × 2
15	**128 councillors, one from each ward; the Mayor leads the corporation.**	—
16	**2010**	2005 + 5
17	**It supplies drinking water, collects and disposes of garbage, keeps roads and street lights in order, runs parks, schools and hospitals, and registers births and deaths.**	—
18	**(a) 328 tonnes (b) 33 loads (c) for example, separate wet and dry waste, compost kitchen waste, and avoid single-use plastic.**	82 × 4; ÷ 10, rounded up
19	**(a) ₹53,000 (b) ₹58,300,000 (c) for example, water supply and garbage collection.**	—
20	**(a) Municipal Corporation: the local body of a big city (b) property tax: the tax people pay to the city on their houses**	—