

NCERT QUESTIONS WITH SOLUTIONS

1. Make a list of characteristics of a good urban local body.

Ans. A good urban local body is which listens to citizens adheres to its duties and does its task on time.

Some important characteristics of a good urban local body are as follows:

- **Efficient Governance:** Ensures transparent and accountable decision-making to address urban issues effectively.
- **Public Participation:** Encourages active involvement of citizens in planning and development processes.
- **Financial Stability:** Maintains sound financial management to fund essential services and development projects.
- **Service Delivery:** Provides timely and reliable services such as water, sanitation, waste management, and public transport.
- **Urban Planning:** Focuses on sustainable development with well-planned infrastructure and environmental management.
- **Inclusivity:** Ensures equitable access to resources and services for all sections of society.
- **Accountability and Transparency:** Implements clear reporting systems and regular audits to build public trust.
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Establishes systems for effective management of urban disasters and emergencies.

2. What are the similarities and differences between the Panchayati Raj system in rural areas and the urban local bodies?

Ans. Similarities

- **Governance:** Both the Panchayati raj system and urban local governments are forms of decentralised government for local areas like villages and cities respectively. They are responsible for taking care of people's needs and ensuring basic services to the people in their areas.
- **Members are chosen through elections held after five years.**
- **One-third seats are reserved for women in both the set ups.**

Differences

- **Panchayati raj is a three- tier system looking at the need of people in rural areas, whereas urban local bodies are either single or two-tier structure looking at the administration of urban areas.**
- **The Panchayati bodies have less resources as compared to urban bodies.**

EXERCISE-01

Multiple choice questions

1. What is the broader concept of governance highlighted in a democracy?
 (1) Representative democracy **SGU018**
 (2) Participatory democracy
 (3) Federalism
 (4) Bureaucratic governance
2. What is the local government structure in urban areas called? **SGU019**
 (1) Gram Panchayat
 (2) Ward committees
 (3) Urban local bodies
 (4) Regional governance
3. What is the highest local body in a city with a population over 10 lakhs?
 (1) Nagar Panchayat **SGU020**
 (2) Municipal Corporation
 (3) Ward Committee
 (4) Nagar Palika
4. What population size must a city have to be governed by a Municipal Council?
 (1) Above 1 lakh and below 10 lakhs
 (2) Below 1 lakh **SGU021**
 (3) Above 10 lakhs
 (4) Below 10,000
5. Which of the following is not a responsibility of urban local bodies?
 (1) Garbage collection **SGU022**
 (2) Economic development planning
 (3) Collecting taxes
 (4) Managing international orders
6. Which of the following is not an activity performed by ward committees? **SGU023**
 (1) Conducting health camps
 (2) Organizing campaigns against single – use plastics
 (3) Regulating national highways
 (4) Reporting damaged roads
7. What do urban local bodies manage in their areas? **SGU024**
 (1) International trade
 (2) Infrastructure and garbage collection
 (3) National defence
 (4) Forest resources
8. In which scenario can urban citizens contribute to effective governance? **SGU025**
 (1) By ignoring waste segregation
 (2) By reporting water leakages
 (3) By avoiding taxes
 (4) By using single – use plastics
9. Urban local bodies are mainly responsible for maintaining which of the following?
 (1) National highways **SGU026**
 (2) Burial grounds and garbage collection
 (3) Federal law and order
 (4) International trade policies
10. Which governance level is closest to the people in the governance pyramid?
 (1) National level **SGU027**
 (2) Local level
 (3) State level
 (4) Regional level

True or False

1. Urban local bodies are a part of a centralized system of governance. **SGU028**
2. The governance system in urban areas is less complex than in rural areas. **SGU029**
3. Ward committees are responsible for organizing local campaigns and reporting issues. **SGU030**
4. Following proper waste segregation can improve garbage collection efficiency. **SGU031**
5. Citizens have no role in the economic and social planning of their urban area. **SGU032**

Fill in the blanks

1. Cities and towns are divided into smaller units called _____. **SGU033**
2. The ward committees help facilitate activities such as conducting _____. **SGU034**
3. Urban local bodies are responsible for collecting local _____ and fines. **SGU035**
4. Cities with smaller population are governed by a _____. **SGU036**
5. Urban local bodies also play a role in planning for the area's _____ and social development. **SGU037**

Match the columns**SGU038****1.**

Column I		Column II	
(A)	Municipal corporation	(i)	Small towns
(B)	Rural governance	(ii)	City development
(C)	Health Camps	(iii)	Cities over 10 lakhs
(D)	Local taxes	(iv)	Ward committees
(E)	Nagar Panchayat	(v)	Panchayats

ANSWER KEY

Multiple choice questions

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Answer	2	3	2	1	4	3	2	2	2	2

True or False

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. False

Fill in the blanks

1. Wards
2. Health Camps
3. Taxes
4. Nagar Panchayat
5. Economic

Match the columns

1. (A) → (iii) ; (B) → (v) ; (C) → (iv) ; (D) → (ii) ; (E) → (i)

EXERCISE-02

Very Short Answer Type Questions

1. What is the governing body in small towns called? **SGU039**
2. What kind of governance system operates in urban areas? **SGU040**
3. What role do ward committees play in urban areas? **SGU041**

Short Answer Type Questions

4. How do Municipal Corporations differ from Municipal Councils in terms of population? **SGU042**
5. How do citizens contribute to the efficiency of urban local bodies? **SGU043**

6. What is the purpose of having different levels of governance in the Indian system? **SGU044**

Long Answer Type Questions

7. Explain the concept of decentralized governance in urban areas. How does it empower local communities? **SGU045**
8. How do urban local bodies contribute to economic and social development? **SGU046**
9. Compare rural and urban governance structures in India. **SGU047**
10. Describe the challenges faced by urban local bodies in managing urban areas. **SGU048**



