

STD-VI
SOCIAL STUDY
HOW WE GOVERN OUR COMMUNITY

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

Q1. What is local self-government?

Ans. The system in which people themselves govern their community through their representatives is called local self-government. Panchayats in the rural areas and municipalities in the urban areas are local self-government bodies.



Q2. What are municipalities?

Ans. The local self-government body for an urban area is called the municipality.

Q3. Who can be a member of the Gram Sabha?

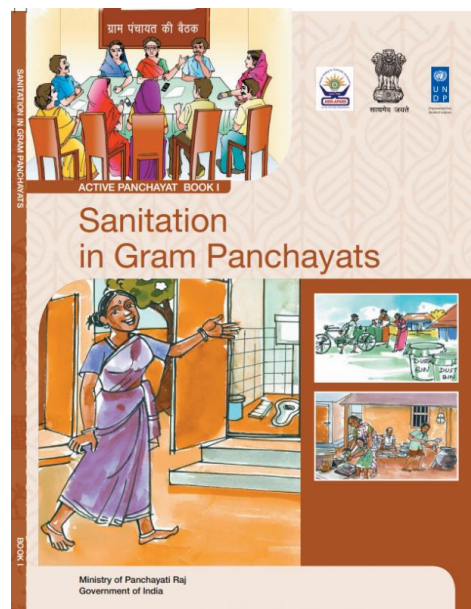
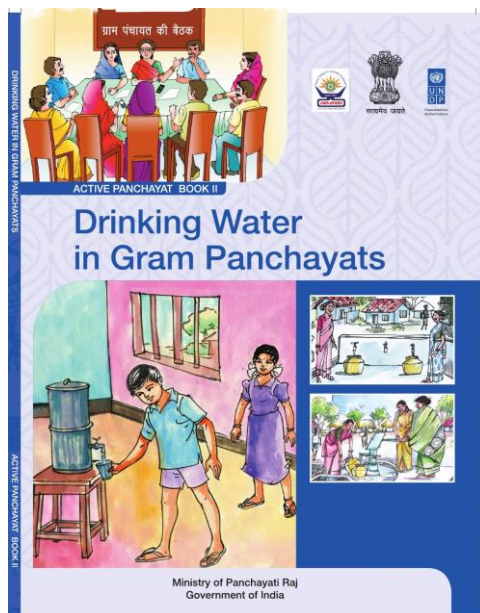
Ans. Every villager above the age of eighteen, whose name is on the voters' list is a member of the Gram Sabha.

Q4. Mention any three functions of the Gram Panchayat.

Ans. Three functions of the Gram Panchayat are:

- To open and run the school and adult education centres.
- Provide safe drinking water and irrigation facilities for agriculture.

- To make and maintain roads and street lights.
- To develop the cottage industry.



Q5. Who are the members of the municipal corporation?

Ans. The Municipal Corporation consists of members elected by the registered voters of the city.

Q6. From where do panchayats and municipalities get money?

Ans. Panchayat and municipal corporation get money from following sources:

- From the state government.
- They raise money from taxes on property and fairs.
- Registration fees for the sale of property and cattle.

Q7. Who heads the administration of a district?

Ans. The administration of a district is placed in the charge of an officer known as District Magistrate or DM.

He / She is normally an I.A.S. officer.

Q8. State any three advantages of having local self-government.

Ans. Advantages of having local self-government are:

- Local self-government can understand the problems of the grass root level and solve them quickly.
- The experience of dealing with problems makes the local people self-reliant and responsible.

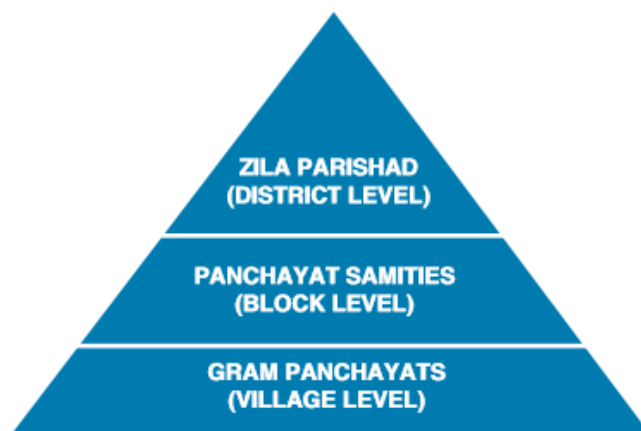
For example, during floods they can start rescue and relief work before help arrives from the central and state governments.

- Local self-government reduces the work of the central and state governments.

Q9. At what levels do we have Panchayats? Name the panchayats at the different levels.

Ans. We have Panchayats at three levels:

- Gram Panchayat-Village level.
- Block Samiti - Block level.
- Zila Parishad - District level.



Q10. What role does a police station play in maintaining law and order within its area?

Ans. *The police department in a district is headed by an officer called SP.

*The police department plays an important role to maintain law and order:

- Inspector or sub inspector register the First Information Report related to crimes and accidents.
- He organizes investigation into such incidents.

- A chowkidar is posted in each village, who reports all criminal activities to the nearest station and helps in the arrest of criminals.
- Police also controls the rush or traffic during a fair or local activity.

Q11. What functions does the municipal corporation perform?

Ans. Works of a municipal corporation are:

- Municipal corporation takes care of public utilities and records births and deaths.
- The municipal corporation arranges for the clearing away of garbage and maintenance of the drainage system.
- The municipal corporation runs dispensaries and hospitals.
- It arranges for safe drinking water supply and street lights.
- It also makes arrangements for firefighting.
- It may run its own schools and help maintain public libraries, museum, parks and zoo.

