

STD - IV
SOCIAL STUDY
HOW OUR VILLAGE ARE RUN

Answer these questions:

Q1. Who elects the members of the gram panchayat?

Ans. Members of gram sabha elect the members of the gram panchayat.



Q2. What is the head of a gram panchayat called?

Ans. The head of a gram panchayat is called sarpanch, pradhan or mukhia.

Q3. After how many years are elections to a gram panchayat held?

Ans. Elections to a gram panchayat are held after every five years.

Q4. Write any three things a gram panchayat does.

Ans. A gram panchayat does the following:

- *It provides clean and safe drinking water for villagers and sets up tube wells & tanks for irrigation and maintains them.
- *It tries to keep the village clean.
- *It helps to setup and run primary health care centres (PHC).
- * It settles the disputes amongst villagers.



Q5. How does a gram panchayat try to reduce illiteracy?

Ans. A gram panchayat sets up and runs primary schools for children and adult education centres for illiterate adults where they can learn to read and write and get awareness about hygiene, cleanliness and nutrition.



Q6. From where does a gram panchayat get money for all the work it does?

Ans. It gets money from state government, different taxes paid by the people, fairs and fee collected while selling or buying of land.

The sources of Income of the Gram Panchayats?
(GTRFD)

- 1. **Taxes** on property, land, goods and cattle.
- 2. **Fines** of different types.
- 3. **Grants** from state and union government.
- 4. A **part of land revenue** collected by the state government.
- 5. **Donations** from villagers.

Q7. Why is it good for villages to have a local government?

Ans. Local self-government is the government at the grass root level, and can properly understand the needs of the villages and works for the development while it is not possible for state government to know the exact need of each village.

Q8. What is a gram sabha? Who all are the members of it?

Ans. Every village or a group of small villages has a gram sabha.

Villagers are 18 or above 18 years are the members of gram sabha.



Q9. What is a ballot box? what is EVM?

Ans. Ballot box is an iron box where voters drop their ballot papers after they cast their vote.

EVM is an electronic voting machine.



Fill in the blanks:-

1. To vote means to express your choice.
2. To vote in a gram panchayat election a person has to be at least 18 years old.
3. A ballot is a paper on which a voter marks his or her choice.
4. All adult villagers are members of its gram sabha.
5. The gram sabha can check how the gram panchayat spends its money.