

TAMILNADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS AND LANGUAGE TESTS – OCTOBER - 2024****PANCHAYATS****(FOR ASSISTANT COLLECTORS AND DEPUTY COLLECTORS)****(WITH BOOKS)**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

SECTION — A**Answer any EIGHT questions.****Each question carries 5 marks.****(8 × 5 = 40)**

1. What is the role of Grama sabha in the development of a village Panchayat? What are the limitations and challenges faced by elected representatives in achieving this goal?
2. What is your opinion on the existing three tier system of rural local bodies? Elaborate on the merits and demerits of isolated independent administration of village panchayats, Panchayat unions and District Panchayats?
3. Collector as Inspector of Panchayats has emergency powers and have great control over administration and finances of local bodies - Do you agree? Elaborate the reasons for your answer.
4. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of Indirect elections for panchayat union and District Panchayat.
5. What are the own sources of revenue for panchayats other than Government Grants? How can you increase the revenue? What are the grants available to rural local bodies?

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6. Describe village panchayats development plan. What are the steps to be taken to improve community participation in Grama sabha?
7. List the factors which leads to disqualification of an elected representative in a local body.
8. What are the initiatives taken by the State Government to empower women through self help groups?
9. What is the role of State Government in transferring officers and servants of Municipalities?
10. What is the role of Municipalities and corporations to exempt tax and write off irrecoverable taxes? What are the powers of urban local body in respect of public and private markets?

SECTION — B

Answer any THREE questions.

Each question carries 20 marks.

(3 × 20 = 60)

11. "50% reservation for women in local bodies election will lead to women Empowerment". – Discuss the pros and cons of this statement.
12. What are the powers and duties of executive authority in the three tier system of Panchayats?
13. What are the major challenges faced by urban local bodies in disposing solid and liquid waste? What are your suggestions to tackle them?

14. Elaborate on the salient features of Tamil Nadu state Rural Livelihoods Mission and Tamil Nadu urban Livelihood Mission.
15. Comment on the following flagship Schemes
- (a) 'Periyar Ninaivu Samathuvapuram and its impact in achieving social Justice and equality.
 - (b) 'Namakku Naame' thittam and its impact is rural and urban local bodies.
16. Write short notes on :
- (a) Jal Jeevan Mission
 - (b) PMAY
 - (c) PMGSY
 - (d) Vaazhnthu kaattuvom Project 2.0
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