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M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
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Third Semester

History

Elective — PANCHAYAT RAJ

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Panchamandalas, the village council appeared during the age of

(a) Vedic (b) Mauryan  
(c) Kushanas (d) Guptas

2. Who advocated partyless democracy in India?

(a) Jawaharlal Nehru  
(b) Gandhiji  
(c) Jayaprakash Narayan  
(d) Dr. Ambedkar

3. The basic unit of Chola Administration was

(a) Mandalam (b) Ur  
(c) Valanadu (d) Cholanadu

4. Name the state which first passed panchayat

(a) Rajasthan (b) Gujarat  
(c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Karnataka

5. Which of the following article is related to Panchayat Raj?

(a) 243 (b) 324  
(c) 124 (d) 73

6. Local Self Government is a subject in

(a) Union List (b) State List  
(c) Concurrent List (d) Central List



7. Who can dissolve the Panchayat Raj Destitution?  
(a) State Government (b) Central Government  
(c) Cabinet (d) Parliament
8. The minimum age for contesting election at the Panchayat level is  
(a) 18 years (b) 21 years  
(c) 25 years (d) 30 years
9. In 1985, Indira Awaas Yojana was launched by  
(a) V.P. Singh (b) Rajiv Gandhi  
(c) Vajpayee (d) Narasimha Rao.
10. The Chief executive of the Mandal is  
(a) Collector (b) BDO  
(c) Revenue inspector (d) Tansidar

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).  
Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Explain the concept of Panchayat Raj system.  
Or  
(b) Summarize the local administrative system under the Mauryas.

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12. (a) Examine the Mahatma Gandhi's concept of Panchayat Raj.

Or

- (b) List out the committees on Panchayat Raj after independence.

13. (a) Evaluate the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act 1958.

Or

- (b) Assess the significance of the Madras village Panchayats Act 1950.

14. (a) Explain the main source of income of a Panchayat.

Or

- (b) What are the areas of expenditures in Panchayat Administration?

15. (a) Critically assess importance of decision making in local administration.

Or

- (b) Explain the impact of Grama Sabha Meetings.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Discuss the origin and evaluation of panchayat administration in India.

Or

- (b) Assess the contribution of Cholas to local administration.

17. (a) Evaluate the salient features of 73<sup>rd</sup> constitutional amendment.

Or

- (b) Analyse the powers and functions of Local bodies in India.

18. (a) Elaborate the development of Panchayat administration under the British Rule.

Or

- (b) Discuss the main features of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994.

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19. (a) Estimate the income and expenditure of local bodies.

Or

- (b) Assess the role of state government in Panchayat administration.

20. (a) Discuss the significance of community development schemes.

Or

- (b) Examine the importance of public participation in local government.

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