



I. MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Choose the correct option to complete the statement given below.

(i) People who own homes pay

(a) Water tax

(b) General tax

(c) Education tax

(d) Property tax.

(ii) Yasmin Khala worked in the

(a) Sanitation department

(b) Water department

(c) Garbage collection department

(d) None of the above.

(iii) The cleanest city in India is

(a) Surat

(b) Mumbai

(c) Chandigarh

(d) Nagpur.

(iv) Which one is not the job of the Municipal Corporation?

(a) It keeps the streets and markets clean.

(b) It makes gardens and maintains them.

(c) It builds hotels for the tourists

(d) It runs schools, hospitals and dispensaries.

(v) The Municipal Council is found in

(a) Big cities

(b) Small towns

(c) villages

(d) Metropolitan cities.

Ans: (i)—(d), (ii)—(a), (iii)—(c), (iv)—(c), (v)—(b).

II. FILL IN THE BLANKS

Fill in the blanks with appropriate words to complete each sentence:

(i) Property taxes form only percent of the money that a Municipal Corporation earns.

(ii) Collecting garbage is quite a job.

(iii) The kabadi wallah plays a major role in household plastic and paper.

(iv) The Ward Councillor is elected by the people of his

(v) Gangabai rushed to the house of.....

Ans:

(i) 25-30

(ii) dangerous

(iii) recycling

(iv) Ward/area

(v) Ward Councillor.

III. TRUE/FALSE

State whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F).

(i) Gangabai was a timid lady.

(ii) Yasmin Khala was a retired judge.

(iii) Pune, being a big city, has a Municipal Corporation.

(iv) Larger houses have to pay less taxes.

(v) The Commissioner and the administrative staff implement the decisions taken by the Councillor's Committees and the councillors.

Ans. (i)—F, (ii)—F, (iii)—T, (iv)—F, (v)—T.

IV. MATCHING SKILL

Column A	Column B
(i) Councillors	(a) Provides basic amenities
(ii) Commissioner and administrative staff	(b) Collected by Corporation
(iii) Municipal Corporation	(c) Elected bodies
(iv) Property taxes	(d) Hit by plague in 1994
(v) Surat	(e) Appointed by the government

Ans: (i)-c (ii)-e (iii)-a (iv)-b (v)-d

V. VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Who was Yasmin Khala?

Ans: Yasmin Khala was a Municipal Corporation employee.

2. What had children done to the street light?

Ans: They had broken the streetlight while playing.

3. What did children want to know?

Ans: They wanted to know whom did the lights on the streets belong to.

4. Whose duty is it to replace the streetlights?

Ans: It is the duty of the Municipal Corporation of the city to replace the streetlights.

5. Who takes decisions like where a park or a new hospital should go?

Ans: The Ward Councillors usually takes such decisions.

6. What is the difference between the ward Commissioner and the ward Councillors? [V. Imp.]

Ans: The Commissioner is the body elected by the councillors while the Councillors are elected by the general voters of the world,

7. What is a tax? [V. Imp.]

Ans: A tax is a sum of money that people pay to the government for the services the government provides.

8. What types of taxes people have to pay?

Ans: People have to pay property tax on their homes as well as taxes for water and other services.

9. Name two departments of the Municipal Corporation. [Imp.]

Ans: Water department and garbage collection department,

10. What did the Commissioner advise Gangabai?

Ans: The Commissioner advised Gangabai to get a petition signed by all the adults in the locality saying that garbage was not being collected.

11. How can common people keep their streets clean?

Ans: They can do this by keeping dustbin/dustbins at home.

VI. SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1. How are complicated decisions taken? Explain with examples. [V. Imp.]

Ans: (Complicated decisions usually affect the entire city and therefore these decisions are taken by groups of Councillors who form committees to decide and debate issue. For example, if bus stands need to be improved or a crowded market place needs to have its garbage cleared more regularly, etc.

2. Write a short note on the topic 'Sub-contracting'. [Imp.]

Ans: In recent times, in order to save money the Commissioners of several municipalities across the country had hired private contractors to collect and process garbage. This is known as Sub-

Contracting. This means that the work that was earlier being done by government workers is now being done by a private company or agency. These contract workers get low salary and their jobs are temporary.

VII. LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Explain the Junctions of the Ward Councillor and the Administrative staff.

Ans: The Ward Councillors are elected members. They are responsible for the welfare of the people of their wards. They listen their problems and get them solved. Sometimes, they have to take complicated decisions that affect the entire city. At such moments, groups of councillors who form committees gather together to decide and debate issues.

While the Councillor's Committees and the councillors decide on issues, the Commissioner and the administrative staff implement these decisions.

All of the Ward Councillors meet and they make a budget and the money is spent according to this. The Ward Councillors try and ensure that the particular demands of their wards are placed before the entire council. These decisions are then implemented by the administrative staff.

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