



CLASS – 10

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Democratic Politics - II

CH-2 : FEDERALISM

CBSE Board

Previous Year Questions

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PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS



1

Explain three features of federal form of government? (2020)

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1 | Explain three features of federal form of government? **(2020)**

Answer:

The three features of the federal government are as follows:

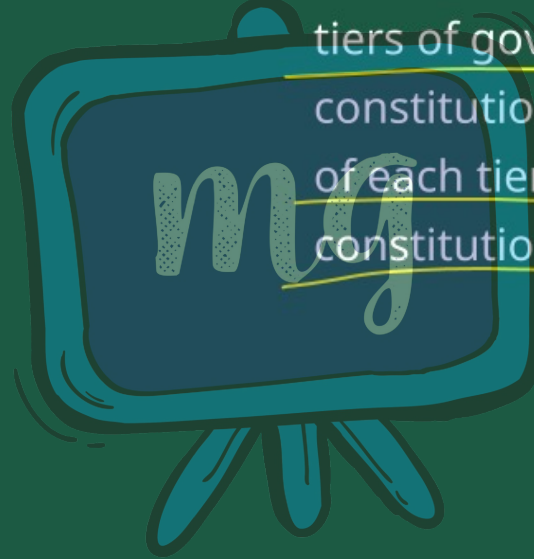
1. There are two or more levels (or tiers) of government. *center, state and local*
2. Different tiers of government govern the same citizens, but each tier has its own jurisdiction in specific matters of legislation, taxation and administration.

specific area

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3. The jurisdictions of the respective levels or tiers of government are specified in the constitution. So the existence and authority of each tier of government is constitutionally guaranteed.



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2

Explain three features of unitary form of government? **(2020)**



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2 Explain three features of unitary form of government? (2020)

Answer:

The three features of unitary government are as follows —

1. Either there is only one level of government or the sub-units are subordinate to the Central government.
2. The Central government can pass on orders to the provincial or the Local government.
3. States are created merely for administrative purposes.

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3

Read the given extract and answer all questions. (2020)

DECENTRALISATION IN INDIA

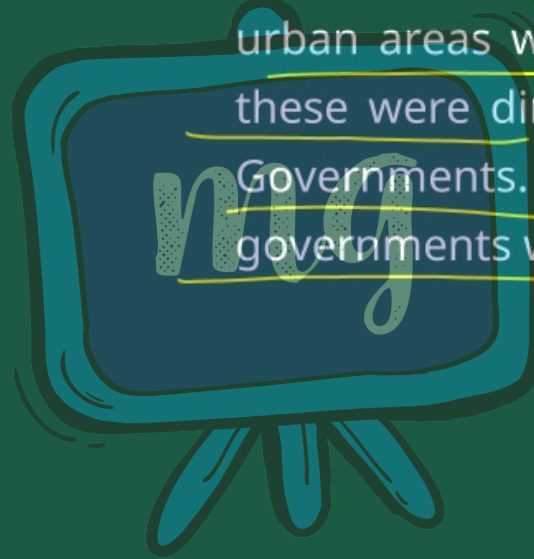
When power is taken away from Central and State governments and given to local government, it is called decentralization. The basic idea behind decentralization is that there are a large number of problems and issues which are best settled at the local level. People have better knowledge of problems in their localities.

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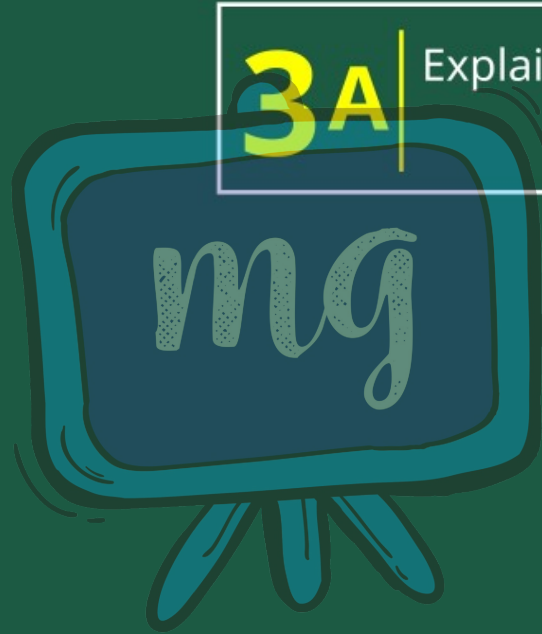
They also have better ideas on where to spend money and how to manage things more efficiently. Besides, at the local level it is possible for the people to directly participate in decision making. This helps to inculcate a habit of democratic participation. Local government is the best way to realise one important principle of democracy, namely local self-government. The need for decentralisation was recognized in our Constitution. Since then, there have been several attempts to decentralize power to the level of villages and towns.

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Panchayats in villages and municipalities in urban areas were set up in all the States. But these were directly under the control of State Governments. Elections to these local governments were not held regularly.

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3A

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3B | Explain the importance of Local self Government in democracy. **(2020)**

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Explain the importance of Local self Government in democracy. **(2020)**

Answer:

The importance of local self government is that there are a large number of problems and issues which are best settled at the local level. People have better knowledge of problems in their localities. They also have better ideas where to spend money and how to manage things more efficiently. Besides at local level it is possible for the people to directly participate in decision making.

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3c

Describe any two steps taken by Indian government for decentralisation. (2020)



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Answer:

1. Now it is constitutionally mandatory to hold regular elections to local government bodies.
2. The state governments are required to share some powers and revenue with local government bodies. The nature of sharing varies from state to state.

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4 Match Column - A with Column - B and choose the correct option: **(2023)**

Column - A
(Subjects)

- I. Defence
- II. Police
- III. Marriage
- IV. Computer Software

Column - B
(List/Subjects)

- 1. Concurrent List
- 2. Union List
- 3. State List
- 4. Residuary Subjects

I II III IV

A 4 3 1 2

C 4 1 3 2

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B 3 4 1 2

D 2 3 1 4

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5 Read the following source carefully and answer the questions that follow : (2024)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

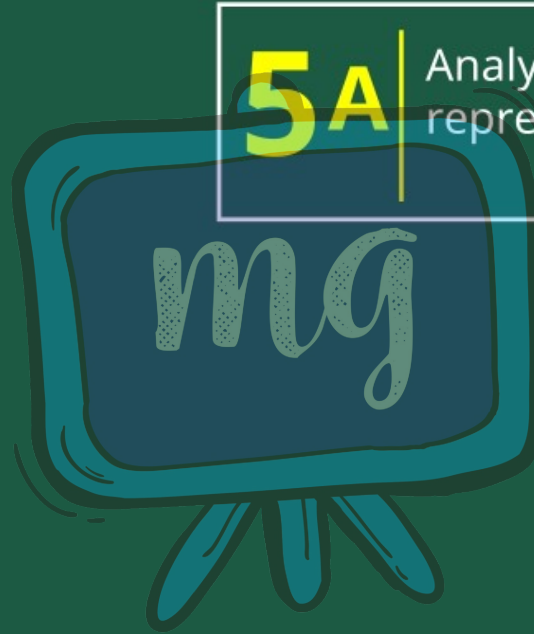
This new system of local government is the largest experiment in democracy conducted anywhere in the world. There are now about 36 lakh elected representatives in the panchayats and municipalities etc., all over the country. This number is bigger than the population of many countries in the world. Constitutional status for local government has helped to deepen democracy in our country.

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It has also increased women's representation and voice in our democracy. At the same time, there are many difficulties. While elections are held regularly and enthusiastically, gram sabhas are not held regularly. Most state governments have not transferred significant powers to the local governments. Nor have they given adequate resources. We are thus still a long way from realising the ideal of self-government.

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5A

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(2024)

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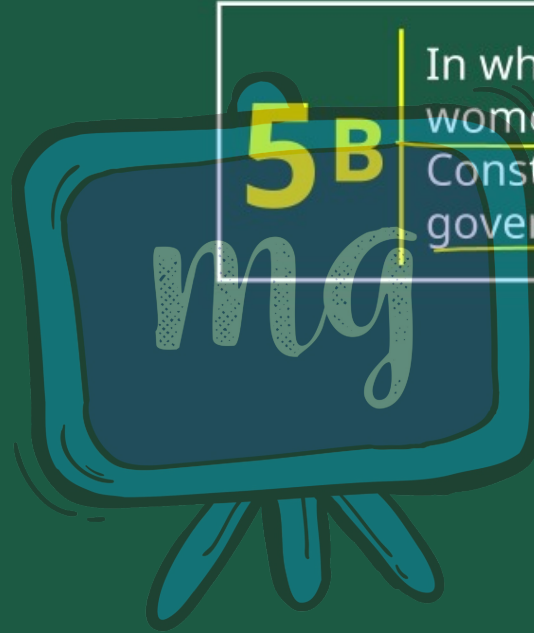
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(2024)

Answer:

Elected representatives in Panchayats serve as the voice of the local community, representing the interests, concerns, and aspirations of rural residents at the grassroots level. They provide a direct link between the government and the people, ensuring that local issues and needs are addressed effectively.

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(2024)

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5B

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(2024)

Answer :

Reservation of seats has led to a significant rise in women's participation in politics and governance at the grassroots level. Women leaders promote initiatives for education, healthcare, and economic empowerment, leading to improved outcomes in various areas.

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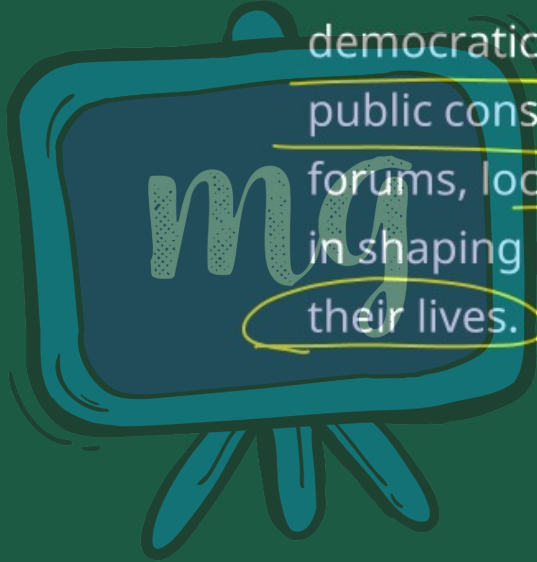
1. The Constitutional status of local government has strengthened grassroots democracy by institutionalizing mechanisms for citizen participation, representation, and accountability at the local level.

Responsible

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2. Through elected representatives and democratic processes such as elections, public consultations, and decision-making forums, local communities have a direct say in shaping policies and programs that affect their lives.



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6

Match the Column I with Column II and choose the correct option: (2024)

Column - 1
(List)

- I. Union list subjects
- II. State list subjects
- III. Concurrent subjects
- IV. Residuary subjects

Column - 2

(Jurisdiction Sphere)

1. State Governments alone make laws on it.
2. For uniformity Central Government Legislates on it.
3. Subjects under Jurisdiction of Centre and State Governments.
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A	4	3	1	2
C	4	1	3	2

	I	II	III	IV
B	3	4	1	2
D	2	1	3	4