

Chapter - 12 | Grassroots Democracy — Part 3

:Local Government in Urban Areas

QUIZ

PART-03

- What should responsible citizens do upon seeing a leaking water pipe?
 - Ignore the problem
 - Fix it themselves without informing anyone
 - Report it to the police
 - Inform the local authorities or ward committee

(D)

Explanation: Citizens should report such issues to the local authorities to prevent water wastage and ensure timely repairs.

- What is one way students can engage with urban local governance?
 - Write letters to the president
 - Invite a member of an urban local body to discuss roles and responsibilities
 - Organize a street protest
 - Avoid participating in local matters

(B)

Explanation: Students can better understand governance by interacting with local body members and discussing civic responsibilities.

- What is one question students might ask a member of an urban local body?
 - What are your hobbies?
 - Who appointed you as Prime Minister?
 - How do you address issues like garbage disposal and road maintenance?
 - Do you travel abroad often?

(C)

Explanation: A relevant and insightful question helps students learn about real responsibilities of urban governance.

- What is a common expectation from urban local bodies among citizens?
 - Free air tickets
 - Proper maintenance of roads and water supply
 - Launch of space programs
 - Foreign investment promotion

(B)

Explanation: Citizens commonly expect local bodies to manage essential services like roads and water systems efficiently.

- What is a characteristic of a good urban local body?
 - Secrecy in operations
 - Avoiding public interaction
 - Transparency and accountability
 - Ignoring citizen complaints

(C)

Explanation: Good urban governance depends on openness and responsible service to the community.

- Which of the following reflects citizen engagement in urban governance?
 - Watching TV news
 - Reading history books
 - Participating in decision-making
 - Ignoring local elections

(C)

Explanation: Strong citizen engagement includes active involvement in decisions that affect their community.

- How do urban local bodies respond to public grievances in ideal situations?
 - After a year
 - By involving private companies
 - Quickly and efficiently
 - By shifting responsibility

(C)

Explanation: A responsive urban local body ensures fast resolution of public issues for better civic life.

- What is a structural difference between urban local bodies and Panchayati Raj?
 - Urban bodies work in rural areas
 - Panchayati Raj works in cities
 - Urban bodies include Municipal Corporations and Councils
 - Both follow the same organizational structure

(C)

Explanation: Urban governance includes Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, and Nagar Panchayats, unlike Panchayati Raj.

- Which of the following is NOT a similarity between Panchayati Raj and urban local bodies?
 - Both are decentralized systems
 - Both are managed by elected representatives
 - Both are part of national governance
 - Both promote citizen participation

(C)

Explanation: While both are decentralized and promote participation, they are forms of local—not national—governance.

- What term best describes the governance model where citizens help shape local decision-making?
 - Authoritarian
 - Monarchy
 - Participatory democracy
 - Bureaucracy

(C)

Explanation: Participatory democracy ensures that people have a direct role in shaping the policies and services in their area.