

## Chapter - 11 | Grassroots Democracy — Part 2: Local Government in Rural Areas

### QUIZ PART-03

- What is the first tier of the Panchayati Raj system?  
A. Zila Parishad  
B. Municipal Council  
C. Gram Panchayat  
D. Panchayat Samiti (C)

**Explanation:** The Gram Panchayat is the village-level body and represents the first tier of the Panchayati Raj system.

- What is the key role of the Panchayat Samiti?  
A. Implement state policies directly  
B. Supervise the Zila Parishad  
C. Coordinate development plans from villages  
D. Handle national schemes (C)

**Explanation:** The Panchayat Samiti collects development plans from Gram Panchayats and coordinates their execution at the block level.

- What does the Zila Parishad primarily do?  
A. Builds village wells  
B. Manages market committees  
C. Oversees district-wide implementation of government schemes  
D. Maintains law and order (C)

**Explanation:** The Zila Parishad integrates and oversees block-level plans for proper execution across the district.

- What is one major issue highlighted in a sample letter to the Sarpanch?  
A. Electricity shortage  
B. Plastic bags on village roads  
C. Cattle theft  
D. Lack of internet connectivity (B)

**Explanation:** The sample letter addresses the problem of plastic waste scattered along village roads and requests action.

- What characteristic is NOT necessary for a Gram Panchayat member?  
A. Willingness to address challenges  
B. Authoritative and strict behavior  
C. Understanding of local issues  
D. Inclusiveness and good leadership (B)

**Explanation:** Gram Panchayat members should be inclusive, not authoritarian. They need to listen and respond to villagers' needs.

- Which tier of Panchayati Raj is responsible for district-level planning?  
A. Gram Panchayat  
B. Panchayat Samiti  
C. Zila Parishad  
D. Ward Committee (C)

**Explanation:** The Zila Parishad functions at the district level, coordinating and implementing development projects.

- What can students do if their school is next to a dangerous highway?  
A. Stop attending school  
B. Wait for outsiders to fix it  
C. Raise the issue in the Gram Sabha and create awareness  
D. Block the road (C)

**Explanation:** Students can report the issue to the Gram Panchayat and raise awareness among villagers to prompt action.

- What physical infrastructure change can improve road safety near a school?  
A. Build a shopping complex  
B. Construct a pedestrian overbridge  
C. Organize a fair  
D. Install vending machines (B)

**Explanation:** A pedestrian overbridge or crossing ensures students can safely cross roads near schools.

- Which Panchayati Raj institution can escalate a safety issue to district authorities?  
A. School management committee  
B. Gram Sabha  
C. Panchayat Samiti  
D. Zila Parishad (D)

**Explanation:** The Zila Parishad can escalate issues like road safety to the district level for integrated planning.

- What is one way Panchayat Samiti supports local schools in safety-related projects?  
A. Cancels exams  
B. Raises the issue in meetings and plans for funding  
C. Closes the road permanently  
D. Transfers students to another village (B)

**Explanation:** The Panchayat Samiti plays a coordinating role, raising local concerns and pushing for appropriate funding and action.