



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATI RAJ

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Centre for Post Graduate Studies & Distance Education

DIPLOMA PROGRAMME ON PANCHAYATI RAJ GOVERNANCE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT(DP-PRGRD)

Batch-2, (2020), Ist Semester

Course:PRGRD-501: Democratic Decentralisation and Local Governance

ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS

Total Marks: 30

Instructions:

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I. Block –: Democratic Decentralisation and Local Governance

1. Discuss Gandhian concept of Village Republic.
2. Directive Principles of State Policy are fundamental in the governance of the country. Explain.
3. What are different categories of government? Discuss the type of democracy that is being practiced in Panchayats.
4. "73rd Constitutional Amendment Act has helped the Panchayats to develop as Institutions of Self Government". Explain

II. Block –: Powers And Functions of PRIs

1. Describe the basic structure of Panchayati Raj Institutions.
2. Explain the procedure adopted for constitution of Standing Committees.
3. Discuss the duties and responsibilities of President of Gram Panchayat. List out the duties and responsibilities of President of Gram Panchayat which are different from duties and responsibilities of President of Block Panchayat.
4. What is Gram Sabha? Discuss the powers and responsibilities of Gram Sabha.
5. Explain the structure of Ward Sabha. Highlight the importance of Ward Sabha in local administration.
6. Describe the procedure for constitution of Standing Committees in Gram Panchayat.

III. Block –: Participatory Decision-Making

1. What is Participatory decision making? Elaborate the benefits of Participatory decision making.
2. Explain the meaning of Participatory Planning and highlight the importance of People's Participation in formulation and implementation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan.

3. What are low cost and no cost activities? Discuss the importance of these activities for Gram Panchayat Development.
4. What is Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)? Discuss the principles to be followed while designing PRA.
5. Describe the powers and functions of District Planning Committee.

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Course: PRGRD-502: Panchayat Management

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Block 1—: Financial Management in Gram Panchayats

1. What are own source revenues of a Gram Panchayats (GP) and list out different type of Taxes and Non Taxes assigned to GPs for levy and collections.
2. Discuss the role of State Finance Commission and Central Finance Commission in recommending devolution of funds to Local Bodies.
3. What is budget cycle? Describe the step by step process of budget preparation in Gram Panchayat.
4. What are internal controls and what controls need to be exercised in Accounting of Receipts and Payments in GPs?
5. What are the salient features of 'Model Accounting System' for Panchayats.

Block 2—: Panchayat Administration

1. Describe the process of file maintenance and records management in the context of Panchayati Raj Institutions.
2. Describe the key concepts of human development and what a Gram Panchayat can do to improve the human development index.
3. Describe briefly the functioning Gram Kachari (Village Court) in Bihar.
4. What does an Auditor report in the audit report, after conducting the audit of a Gram Panchayat.
5. Describe the importance of grievance redressal in improving the public service delivery in rural areas.

Block 3—: Core Functions of Gram Panchayats

1. What is the difference between Sanitation & Hygiene? What a Gram Panchayat need to do to improve sanitation and hygiene in the village?
2. Explain the role of gram Panchayat in implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).
3. What are the Challenges in Health Care system in rural areas? What supervisory role a Panchayat can play to improve health indicators?
4. Explain the process followed in formulation of "village water security plan".
5. Describe the main features of Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDU GJY).

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Course: PRGRD-503: Social Empowerment and Inclusive Development

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I. Block –: Empowerment of Marginalized Sections

1. "Disabled people are not only the most deprived human beings, they are also the most neglected". Discuss.
2. "India is home to the largest number of child labourers." What role can a Panchayat play to tackle this problem?
3. Describe the agenda for the persons with disabilities under SDG 2030.
4. Explain the role of Gram Panchayats in helping the elderly in the village.
5. Define empowerment and describe the types and dimensions of empowerment.
6. Explain the role of Gram Panchayats and Baal Sabha in development of children

II. Block –: Inclusive Development in Panchayats

1. What is social justice? Explain it in Indian context
2. Discuss Gender Responsive Governance and the role of women in Panchayat planning
3. Describe Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Budgeting?
4. Discuss the need for Gender Auditing in Panchayati Raj Institutions?
5. Describe in brief the constitutional provisions for empowerment of women in India.
6. Discuss the concepts and approaches to Gender and Development.

III. Block –: Social Accountability

1. Explain the role of Gram Panchayat in conducting social audit.
2. Describe the concept of social accountability and discuss the different strengths and challenges of Citizen Report Card.
3. List out the factors, problems and hurdles that lead to poor quality of delivery of public services at local level.
4. Discuss the case studies from Karnataka, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and Punjab to showcase the effective service delivery in Gram Panchayats.
5. Describe the process of conducting social audit in MGNREGS and PMAY.
6. Give details of Citizen Report Card as one of the methods of social accountability.

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