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GOVERNANCE AND POLITICS

MAGAP02C08 : Rural and Urban Governance in India

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

SECTION – A

(Essay Type Questions)

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** question carries **10** marks.

1. Critically examine the role of Municipalities in strengthening democratic urban governance in India.
2. Analyse the institutional structure and functional responsibilities of Block Panchayats in the Panchayati Raj system.
3. Trace the development of local governance in India during the post-independence period (1947-1992).
4. Examine the conceptual foundations and key characteristics of decentralised governance. (2×10=20)

SECTION – B

(Short Essay Questions)

Answer **any five** questions. **Each** question carries **5** marks.

5. Examine the principle of subsidiarity in decentralised governance.
6. Analyse the neoliberal perspective on decentralisation and governance reforms.

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7. Discuss the composition and functions of District Panchayats in rural governance.
8. Examine the powers and administrative functions of Nagar Panchayat.
9. Analyse the key features of urban-rural governance systems.
10. Discuss the resource base and functional limitations of Gram Panchayats.
11. Examine the Gandhian views on decentralization. (5×5=25)

SECTION – C

(Paragraph Questions)

Answer **any five** questions. **Each** question carries **3** marks.

12. Administrative decentralisation
13. Seventy-Third Constitutional Amendment
14. Gram Sabha
15. Councilor
16. Mayor
17. Fiscal Decentralisation
18. Seventy-Fourth Constitutional Amendment
19. Panchayati Raj Institutions. (5×3=15)