

CLASS:--12TH, POLITICAL SCIENCE, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Questions 1.

Which of the following according to you involve decentralization? Why are other options not sufficient for decentralization?

- (a) To hold election of the Gram Panchayat.
- (b) Decision by the villagers themselves about what policies and programmes are useful for the village.
- (c) Power to call meeting of Gram Sabha.
- (d) A Gram Panchayat receiving the report from the Block Development Officer about the progress of a project started by the State government.

Answer:

- (a) It may be the main point of involvement of decentralization.
- (b) The representatives are elected by the villagers only from among themselves.
- (c) It may also be subsidiary.
- (d) It is the manifestation of the working of

Questions 2.

A student of Delhi University, Raghavendra Parpanna, wanted to study the role of decentralization in decision making about primary education. He asked some questions to the villagers. These questions are given below. If you were among those villagers, what answer would you give to each of these questions?

A meeting of the Gram Sabha is to be called to discuss what steps should be taken to ensure that every child of the village goes to the school.

(a) How would you decide the suitable day for the meeting? Think who would be able to attend/not attend the meeting because of your choice.

- A day specified by the BDO or the collector
- Day of the village haat
- Sunday
- Naag panchami/sankranti

(b) What is a suitable venue for the meeting? Why?

- Venue suggested by the circular of the district collector.
- Religious place in the village.
- Dalit Mohalla.
- Upper caste Tola
- Village school

(c) In the Gram Sabha meeting firstly a circular sent by the district collector was read. It suggested what steps should be taken to organise an education rally and what should be its route. The meeting did not discuss about the children who never come to school or about girls' education, or the condition of the school building and the timing of the school. No women teacher attended the meeting as it was held on Sunday. What do you think about these proceedings as an instance of people's participation?

(d) Imagine your class as the Gram Sabha. Discuss the agenda of the meeting and suggest some steps to realize the goal.

Answer:

(a) The day of village haat would be the most appropriate due to availability of a number of peoples to sell and purchase the commodities.

(b) The most suitable venue for the meeting would be the village school where every person feel free to move and come to join the meeting because rest of the venues are community based and people will not be comfortable to join the meeting.

(c) It was held on Sunday, hence the women teachers did not attend it. A Gram Sabha meeting should be held to discuss the problems of village in place of organising an education rally. This meeting had to discuss the problems like education, condition of school, girls education as well as regularity of children in school.

(d) The agenda would be for meeting:

- **Regularity of students in school, if not, how to make it regular.**
- **To focus on poverty alleviation Programmes.**
- **To focus on Landlessness of farmers.**
- **The construction work in village required.**
- **Socio-cultural programmes.**
- **To arrange the funds for the programmes decided.**
- **Vote of thanks by Gram-Pradhan.**