

Chapter-11, Indian Villages

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Read and answer:-

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. In India, most people live in villages.
2. Kuchcha roads were found in villages a few years back.
3. A village panchayat is also called as gram panchayat.
4. An elected member of the gram panchayat is called the sarpanch.

B. Write True or False.

1. Houses built of mud and straw are pucca houses.-False
2. Most villages in India now have electricity and water.-
True
3. The Pradhan is the head of the Parliament.-False
4. The welfare of the villagers is looked after by the gram panchayat.- True

C. Answer these questions.

1. Why was village life difficult in the past? Write any four points.

Answer- Village Life was difficult in the past because of the following for points:-

- People lived in kuchcha houses.
 - There were no pucca roads.
 - There were no means of transport.
 - There was no supply of drinking water.
2. How has life in villages improved now? Write any four points.

Answer- The four points that show that villages have improved now are:-

- **Many people live in pucca houses now.**
- **Most villages have electricity.**
- **Three are pucca roads in Villages now.**
- **Most villages get a regular water supply.**

3. What does the word 'Panchayat' mean?

Answer-The word 'Panchayat' means a group of five elders or panchas.

4. Write any four functions of the Gram panchayat.

Answer- The four functions of the gram panchayat are:-

- 1. Maintaining cleanliness.**
- 2. Repairing roads.**
- 3. Installing street lights.**
- 4. Setting up schools and clinics.**