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POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Major)

Paper : POL4200304MJ

(Rural Local Governance : Theory and Practice)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ hours

The figure in the margin indicates full marks for the questions.

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1. Answer the following questions as directed : **1×8=8**

a) Who wrote the book , *Towards Total Revolution*?

b) When did Balwant Rai Mehta Committee was established?

c) When the PESA Act was passed?

d) How many functional items are listed in the 11th Schedule?

e) Who gave the concept of 'Chaukhamba Raj' (the Four-Pillar State)?

f) What is the minimum age to contest election in Panchayat?

g) Who is known as Father of Local Self-Government in India?

h) 65th Constitutional Amendment Bill is known as _____.

(Fill in the blank)

2. Answer the following questions (*any six*) : **2×6=12**

a) Mention any two purposes of e-GramSwaraj Portal.

b) Mention any two recommendations of Balwant Rai Mehta Committee.

c) Write any two purposes of PESA Act.

d) What do you mean by Social Audit in Panchayati Raj System?

e) Mention any two functions included in 11th Schedule of Panchayati Raj.

f) When was Ashok Mehta Committee formed? What was its main goal?

g) Mention any two States that have Tribal Areas under the 6th Schedule.

h) What do you mean by democratic decentralization?

i) Mention any two features of Gandhi's views on Rural Local Governance.

j) When was 73rd Amendment Act came into force? Which State first introduced Panchayati Raj System?

3. **Answer the following questions (*any four*) :** **5×4=20**

a) Discuss the recommendation of L. M. Singhvi Committee regarding Panchayati Raj.

b) Differentiate between Delegation and Devolution in context of Rural Local Governance.

c) Write a note on Vinoba Bhave views of Rural Local Governance.

d) Write a short note on PESA Act.

e) Explain the significance of Rural Local Governance in a democratic country like India.

f) What are the major obstacles to effective decentralization in India? Discuss.

g) Write a short note on Social Audit.

h) Discuss the concept of Gram Sabha as propounded by Mahatma Gandhi.

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4. **Answer the following questions (*any two*) :** **10×2=20**

a) Evaluate the role of Balwant Rai Mehta Committee and Ashok Mehta Committee in shaping the structure of Panchayati Raj Institution.

b) Describe the role of e-GramSwaraj in transforming the digital landscape of local planning and management.

c) Trace the historical evaluation of Panchayati Raj Institution in India.

d) Compare the perspectives of J. P. Narayan and Mahatma Gandhi on the role of Rural Local Governance.

e) Analyze the challenges faced by Panchayati Raj Institution in achieving sustainable development goals at grassroots level.

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