

**M.A. I Semester Degree Examination, April/May - 2024****POLITICAL SCIENCE****Administrative Machinery In Local Governance****(NEP)**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

**Note** : Answer **any five** of the following questions with question No. 1 is **Compulsory**. Each question carries **equal** marks.

1. Define Local Governance and mention its historical evolution in India from ancient times to present day. **14**
2. What are the different tiers of local governance in India ? Explain their function and powers. **14**
3. Describe the constitutional provisions related to Urban Local Governance in India. How do these provisions empower Urban Local Bodies ? **14**
4. Analyze the role of Civil Society organizations and community based initiatives in strengthening local governance. Provide examples of recent collaborations between local bodies and civil society groups. **14**
5. Analyze the role of grants-in-aid from the Central and State governments in the financial administration of Local Bodies. Highlight any recent reforms in grant allocation. **14**
6. Reflect on the overall impact of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments on decentralization and democratic governance in India. What are the key lessons learned from their implementation ? **14**
7. Analyse the challenges faced by Gram Panchayats in implementing development programmes and delivering services effectively. Suggest measures to overcome these challenges. **14**
8. Write a short note on the following :
  - (a) Role of Mayor in Urban governance and administration. **6**
  - (b) Smart City Initiatives **4**
  - (c) District Planning Committee **4**

