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**FIVE YEAR B.A./B.B.A./B.Com., LL.B. (HONOURS) DEGREE EXAMINATION
FEBRUARY 2026**

Seventh Semester

**F.L. 21—LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT INCLUDING PANCHAYATH ADMINISTRATION
(2022 Admissions—Regular/2018 to 2021 Admissions—Supplementary)**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

Part A

*Write short notes on any five of the following.
Each question carries 3 marks.*

1. Discuss the role of the G.V.K. Rao and L.M. Singhvi Committees in strengthening Panchayati Raj.
2. What are the three tiers of Panchayat Raj Institutions in Kerala ?
3. What are standing committees under the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act ?
4. What is the function of the Standing Committee for Finance in a Municipality ?
5. Assess the challenges faced by the Ombudsman and Tribunal in the enforcement of accountability at the local level.
6. What types of matters can be brought before the Ombudsman ?

(5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Part B

*Answer any three of the following questions.
Each question carries 10 marks.*

7. Critically evaluate Gandhiji's vision of Gram Swaraj and its relevance in the Indian Constitution.
8. Evaluate the extent of governmental and judicial control over Panchayat Raj Institutions under the 1994 Act.
9. Explain the sources of taxation and resource mobilization for Municipalities.
10. Discuss the establishment of the Ombudsman for Local Self-Government Institutions in Kerala and its significance in ensuring transparency.

(3 × 10 = 30 marks)

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Part C

Answer any two of the following questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

11. Evaluate the financial powers of Panchayats, with special reference to the role of the State Finance Commission and tax collection.
12. Examine in detail the structure, composition, and functioning of Municipalities and Corporations under the Act.
13. Examine in detail the structure, exemption, and functions of Panchayat Raj Institutions in Kerala at various levels.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)