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**FIVE YEAR B.A., LL.B./B.B.A., LL.B./B.Com., LL.B. (HONS.) DEGREE
EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2023**

Seventh Semester

**F.L. 21—LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT INCLUDING PANCHAYATH ADMINISTRATION
(2019 Admissions—Regular/2018 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. Political justice and local self-governance.
2. Village Panchayats in ancient India.
3. Constituent Assembly debates on local self-governance.
4. Constitution and composition of Ward Committee.
5. Judicial control over Local Self-Government.
6. Tribunal for Local Self-Government Institutions.

(5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Part B

Answer any three of the following questions.

Each question carries 10 marks.

7. Explain Mahatma Gandhi's perspectives on decentralized governance and compare them to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's ideas, particularly focusing on their differing stances.
8. Discuss in detail the historical backdrop, important recommendations and the resulting impact of the Ashok Mehta Committee Report.
9. Describe the key characteristics of the 73rd Amendment to the Constitution of India and outline its limitations.

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10. Discuss the powers and functions of *Ombudsman* for Local Self-Government Institutions.

(3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Part C

Answer any two of the following questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

11. Explain the powers, functions, rights and responsibilities of the *Grama Sabha*.
12. Do you concur with the view that Panchayat Raj Institutions suffer from significant influence and domination by bureaucratic control imposed by the State Government ? Justify your response by elaborating on the specific role of the State Government in connection to Local Self-Government Institutions.
13. Examine thoroughly the objectives, major features, significance and critiques of the *Gram Nyayalayas* established under provisions of the Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)