

Social Studies

(Civics)

Chapter 2: Federalism



Federalism

Federalism and its Features

Federalism is a democratic form of government in which the power to govern the country is shared or divided between the Central and the State Governments. Largely, both these levels of government work independently of each other. Examples: India, USA, Australia, Switzerland

In contrast to federalism, there also exists a **unitary** form of government. In the unitary form of government, all powers are concentrated only in the hands of the Central Government. Provincial governments or local governments may exist, but they are bound to work according to the guidelines provided by the Central Government. Examples: Great Britain, Sri Lanka, North Korea

Main Features of Federalism

Some main features of the federal form of government are

- There are two or three levels of governments—Central Government, State Government and Local Government.
- Each level of government administers over the same region, but they have their own jurisdiction in matters of administration, taxation and legislation.
- The Government at each level derives its power from the Constitution of the country. Thus, the Central Government cannot dilute the powers of the State or Local Governments.
- The basic principles of the Constitution and the rights given to the people cannot be changed by only one tier of the Government. It requires the consent of governments at both levels.
- Courts of the country act as a referee between the Central and the State Governments if any dispute arises between the two.
- Both levels of the Government can collect taxes from the people according to the guidelines of the Constitution of the country.
- Federalism thus not only safeguards the unity of the nation but also maintains the regional and linguistic diversities of the people.

It is to be noticed that both levels of government should agree to the rules of power sharing and trust each other.

Powers of the Central and the State Governments differ from country to country. There are two ways in which a country may become federal. When independent states come together and form one country, they retain their power to maintain their identity. This kind of federation is called '**coming together**' **federations**. Examples: USA and Australia. The second way in which a country can become federal is when it decides to divide its powers between the Central and the State Governments. This may be termed '**holding together**' **federations**. Examples: India and Spain.

Unitary System	Federal System
There is only one level of government or the sub-units are subordinate to the Central Government.	There are two or more levels (or tiers) of government.
The Central Government can pass on orders to the provincial or local government.	The Central Government cannot order the state government to do something.
The central government is supreme, and the administrative divisions exercise only powers that the central government has delegated to them. Their powers may be broadened and narrowed by the central government	State Government has powers of its own for which it is not answerable to the central government.

India - A Federal Country

India is a federal country. It has three tiers of government-the Central Government, the State Government and the local bodies such as municipal corporations and panchayats. There are three lists which contain subjects in which the Union and the State Governments may form laws. These are

- **Union List:** This list contains subjects of national importance on which only the Central Government forms laws. Some of these are defence, foreign affairs, banking and currency. It is important to form uniform laws on these subjects.
- **State List:** This list includes subjects of state and local importance such as agriculture, irrigation, trade and police. State governments form laws on these subjects.
- **Concurrent List:** Subjects related to the interests of both Central and State Governments are included in this list. This includes forest, education, trade unions and marriage. In case there are conflicts between both wings of the Government, the laws made by the Union Government are deemed as final.

Subjects which do not fall in the above lists are known as residuary subjects and fall within the jurisdiction of the Union Government. In India, all State Governments do not enjoy equal powers. For example, the state of Jammu and Kashmir enjoys a comparative autonomous status as it has its own constitution. Some states have little powers such as Lakshadweep and Daman and Diu. These are known as Union Territories. The Union Government has greater power over these territories.

Practice of Federalism

In India, federalism has become successful because of following reasons:

Creation of Linguistic States

- After the independence of India in 1947, many states were created based on the languages which were spoken by the people such as Maharashtra, Punjab and West Bengal.
- Some states were created because of their unique geographical position, cultural, ethnic

identities such as Uttarakhand, Nagaland and Jharkhand.

Language Policy

- After Independence, there was a great deal of confusion as to which language should be the official language of the country. While Hindi-speaking states wanted Hindi to be declared as the national language, many non-speaking states wanted English to remain as the official language of the country.
- The leaders of our country adopted a very cautious attitude while forming the language policy. Hindi, which is spoken by about 40% of our population, was declared as the official language. Many languages were also recognised as Scheduled Languages by the Constitution. Apart from Hindi, there are 21 scheduled languages.
- Candidates appearing for any Central exams may opt to write exams in any one of these scheduled languages.
- States have their own official languages, and all government work is done in the official language of the concerned state.

Such kind of an arrangement has helped in preserving the culture of many linguistic groups and has maintained the diversity of our country.

Centre-State Relations

- After Independence, there were only few parties which formed governments at the centre and at the state levels. When rival parties formed the Government at the state level, the Central Government tried to misuse its powers by dismissing the State Governments. This weakened the federal spirit of our constitution.
- However, the condition improved after 1990 when many regional parties emerged in different states.
- This also marked the beginning of the **coalition government**. Two or more parties formed the Government at the centre in the absence of a clear majority. This led to a new era of power sharing and respecting the independent working of the State Governments.

Thus, the principle of sharing of power has become more effective today than it was in the earlier years after Independence.

Decentralisation in India

Apart from the Central and the State Governments, when the powers are also given to the local bodies such as municipal corporation or panchayats, it is called decentralisation. Decentralisation of powers is important because certain problems of the people can be effectively solved by the local bodies as the latter has a better idea of the problems which are faced by people at the local level.

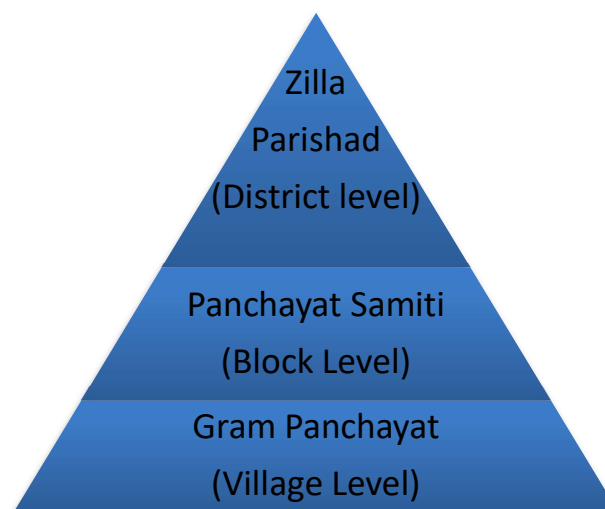
In 1992, the Constitution was amended to make local government more powerful and responsible. These are

- It is obligatory to hold elections for choosing members of local governmental institutions.
- Seats are reserved for people belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes and other backward classes in local bodies.
- One-third of the seats are reserved for women.
- State Election Commission was constituted in the states for holding elections in government bodies.
- It is mandatory for the State Governments to share powers and revenues with local bodies.

Structure of Local Bodies

Panchayati Raj

- Local bodies in villages are known as **Panchayati Raj**. Each village, or a group of villages in some States, has a gram panchayat. This is a council consisting of several ward members, often called panch, and a president or sarpanch. They are directly elected by all the adult population living in a village or ward. Gram Panchayat is the decision-making body for the entire village.
- The Panchayat works under the overall supervision of the Gram Sabha. All the voters in the village are its members. It has to meet at least twice or thrice in a year to approve the annual budget of the gram panchayat and to review the performance of the Gram Panchayat.
- At the district level, many panchayats form a body known as **panchayat samiti** or block or mandals. The member of Panchayat Samiti representative are elected by all the Panchayat members in that area.
- All panchayat samitis or mandals in the district collectively constitute the **Zilla Parishad**. All members of the Zilla Parishad are elected. MLAs and members of the Lok Sabha are also members of the Zilla Parishad.



Municipal Corporations

- Urban local bodies in small towns are known as **municipalities**. Large cities have **municipal corporations**. Both local bodies consist of representatives elected by the

people.

- The **Municipal Chairperson** is the head of the municipality, while the **Mayor** is the head of the Municipal Corporation.

This new system of local government is the largest experiment in democracy conducted anywhere in the world. Constitutional status for local government has helped to deepen democracy in our country. It has also increased women's representation and voice in our democracy.

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What is federalism?

Federalism is a system of government in which the power is divided between a central authority and various constituent units of the country. Different tiers of government govern the same citizens, but each tier has its own JURISDICTION. The fundamental provisions of the constitution cannot be unilaterally changed by one level of government. Sources of revenue for each level of government are clearly specified.

What is federalism?

What makes India a federal country?

The Constitution clearly provided a threefold distribution of legislative powers between the Union Government and the State Governments. Union List includes subjects of national importance such as defence of the country, foreign affairs, banking, communications and currency. The State Governments can make laws relating to the subjects mentioned in the State List. Concurrent List includes subjects of common interest to both the Union Governments as well as the State Governments, such as education, forest, trade unions, marriage, etc.

Federalism

Decentralisation in India

In 1992, the Constitution was amended to make the third-tier of democracy more powerful and effective. Seats are reserved for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes. The State governments are required to share some powers and revenue with local government bodies. There are now about 36 lakh elected representatives in the panchayats, municipalities etc.,

How is federalism practised?

Linguistic States
In 1947, the boundaries of several old States of India were changed in order to create new States. This was done to ensure that people who spoke the same language lived in the same State. Some States were created on the bases of culture, ethnicity or geography.

Language policy
Hindi was identified as the official language. There are 21 other languages recognised as Scheduled Languages by the Constitution. The Central Government responded by agreeing to continue the use of English along with Hindi for official purposes.

Centre-State relations
After 1990, there was the beginning of the era of COALITION GOVERNMENTS at the Centre. This led to a new culture of power sharing and respect for the autonomy of State Governments. Federal power sharing is more effective today than it was in the early years after the Constitution came into force.

Important Questions

Multiple Choice questions-

1. The System of Panchayati Raj involves
 - (a) The village, block and district levels
 - (b) The village, and state levels
 - (c) The village district and state levels
 - (d) The village, state and Union levels
2. In case of a clash between the laws made by the centre and a state on a subject in the concurrent list:
 - (a) the state law prevails.
 - (b) the central law prevails.
 - (c) both the laws prevail within their respective jurisdictions.
 - (d) the Supreme Court has to intervene to decide.
3. Which of the following subjects is not included in the state list?
 - (a) Law and order
 - (b) National defence
 - (c) Education
 - (d) Agriculture
4. In India's federal system, the state governments have the power to legislate on all those subjects which are included in the:
 - (a) Union list
 - (b) State list
 - (c) Concurrent list
 - (d) Residuary subjects
5. The Constitution of India
 - (a) divided powers between Centre and states in three lists.
 - (b) divided powers between Centre and states in two lists.
 - (c) listed the powers of the states and left the undefined powers to the state.
 - (d) Specified the powers of the states and left the residuary powers with the Centre.
6. Which of the following government has two or more levels?
 - (a) Community Government
 - (b) Coalition Government
 - (c) Federal Government
 - (d) Unitary Government
7. Which of the following countries is an example of "coming together federation"?
 - (a) U.S.A
 - (b) India
 - (c) Spain

(d) Belgium

8. Here are three reactions to the language policy followed in India. Which of the following holds true in the case of India?

- (a) The policy of accommodation has strengthened national unity.
- (b) Language based states have divided us by making everyone conscious of their language.
- (c) The language policy has only helped to consolidate the dominance of English over all other languages.

9. Consider the following statements on the practice of federalism in India. Identify those which hold true for decentralisation after 1992.

- A. Local governments did not have any power or resources of their own.
- B. It became constitutionally mandatory to hold regular elections to local government bodies.
- C. The state governments are required to share some powers and revenue with local government bodies.
- D. No seats are reserved in the elected bodies for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes.

- (a) B and C
- (b) A and C
- (c) A and D
- (d) B and D

10. In a 'Holding together federation':

- A. A large country divides its power between constituent states and the national government.
- B. The Central government tends to be more powerful vis-a-vis the States.
- C. All the constituent states usually have equal powers.
- D. Constituent states have unequal powers.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) A, B, C and D
- (b) A and D
- (c) B and C
- (d) A, B and D

11. Which among the following are examples of 'Coming together federations'?

- (a) India, Spain and Belgium
- (b) India, USA and Spain
- (c) USA, Switzerland and Australia
- (d) Belgium and Sri Lanka

12. The Union List includes subjects such as:

- (a) Education, forests, trade unions, marriages, adoption and succession.

- (b) Police, trade, commerce, agriculture and irrigation.
- (c) Residuary subjects like computer software.
- (d) Defense, foreign affairs, banking, currency, communications.

13. The system of Panchayati Raj involves:

- (a) Village, State and Union levels
- (b) Village, District and State levels
- (c) Village and State levels
- (d) Village, Block and District levels

14. Which one of the following States in India has its own Constitution?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) J & K
- (d) Nagaland

15. Match the following:

Column A	Column B
(A) Union Territory	(i) Decision-making body for the entire village
(B) Local self	(ii) An alliance of more than government two parties
(C) Coalition	(iii) Representatives' government body at the district level
(D) Zila Parishad	(iv) Area which is run by the Union / Central government

- (a) A – (ii), B – (iii), C – (iv) and D – (i)
- (b) A – (iv), B – (i), C – (iii) and D – (ii)
- (c) A – (iv), B – (i), C – (ii) and D – (iii)
- (d) A – (iv), B – (iii), C – (ii) and D – (i)

Very Short-

1. Name the Indian state that has its own constitution.
2. What is federalism?
3. What is Unitary Government?
4. Define Gram Panchayat?
5. What is Panchayat Samiti?
6. Define Zila Parishad?
7. What is Mayor?

8. The Subjects like-Defense, Banking and Communication are come under which list?
9. Point out one feature in the practice of federation in India that is similar from that of Belgium.
10. Point out one feature in the practice of federation in India that is different from to that of Belgium.

Short Questions-

1. Why is the central government of India not compelling states to adopt Hindi as their official language?
2. Contrast a federal system of government with a unitary set-up with examples.
3. Highlight the two types of routes through which the federations are formed. Give example.
4. Explain the role of union list, state list and concurrent list with context to India.
5. What are significances of Panchayat Raj?
6. Explain the organization of the local government bodies of urban areas.
7. Differentiate between Federal Government and the Unitary Government.
8. How federalism leads to reservation of seats for different caste groups?
9. What was the Amendment in regard to decentralization?
10. How is the Federal government better than a Unitary Government? Explain with the example of Belgium and Sri Lanka.

Long Questions-

1. Explain five changes towards decentralization brought in the Constitution after the Amendments made in 1992.
2. Is it right to say that India is federal country but the word federalism is not used anywhere in the constitution? Explain.
3. What is the rationale for decentralization of power? Explain the structure of Rural local government in India.
4. How is the Federal government better than a Unitary Government? Explain with the example of Belgium and Sri Lanka.

Assertion Reason Questions:

1. **DIRECTION:** Mark the option which is most suitable:
 - a. If both assertion (A) and reason (R) are true and reason (R) is the correct explanation of assertion (A).
 - b. If both assertion (A) and reason (R) are true, but reason (R) is not the correct explanation of assertion (A).
 - c. Assertion (A) is true, but reason (R) is false.

- d. Both assertion (A) and reason (R) are false.

Assertion(A): When power is taken away from central and state governments and given to local governments it is called decentralisation.

Reason(R): At least one third of all positions are reserved for women in local government bodies.

2. **DIRECTION:** Mark the option which is most suitable:

- If both assertion (A) and reason (R) are true and reason (R) is the correct explanation of assertion (A).
- If both assertion (A) and reason (R) are true, but reason (R) is not the correct explanation of assertion (A).
- Assertion (A) is true, but reason (R) is false.
- Both assertion (A) and reason (R) are false.

Assertion(A): Belgium shifted from a federal form of government to a unitary government.

Reason(R): Usually, a federation has two levels of government.

Cash Study Questions:

1. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

The need for decentralisation was recognised in our Constitution. Since then, there have been several attempts to decentralise power to the level of villages and towns. Panchayat in villages and municipalities in urban areas were set up in all the States. But these were directly under the control of state governments. Elections to these local governments were not held regularly. Local governments did not have any powers or resources of their own. Thus, there was very little decentralisation in effective terms.

A major step towards decentralisation was taken in 1992. The Constitution was amended to make the third tier of democracy more powerful and effective. Now it is constitutionally mandatory to hold regular elections to local government bodies. Seats are reserved in the elected bodies and the executive heads of these institutions for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes. At least one-third of all positions are reserved for women. An independent institution called the State Election Commission has been created in each State to conduct panchayat and municipal elections. The State governments are required to share some powers and revenue with local government bodies. The nature of sharing varies from State to State.

- What is the basic idea behind decentralization?
 - There are a large number of problems and issues which are best settled at the local level.

- b. Besides, at the local level it is possible for the people to directly participate in decision making. This helps to inculcate a habit of democratic participation.
 - c. Local government is the best way to realise one important principle of democracy, namely local self-government.
 - d. All the above.
- ii. Consider the following statements on the practice of federalism in India. Identify those which hold true for decentralisation after 1992.
 - a. B and C
 - b. A and C
 - c. A and D
 - d. B and D
- iii. In local self-government institutions at least one-third of all positions are reserved for.
 - a. Men.
 - b. Women.
 - c. Scheduled caste.
 - d. Scheduled tribe.
- iv. Which of these is incorrect, based on the Constitutional Amendment, 1992?
 - a. One-fourth of positions are reserved for women.
 - b. Regular elections should be held to the local government bodies.
 - c. Seats are reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs.
 - d. State Election Commission looks after these elections.

2. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

The creation of linguistic States was the first and a major test for democratic politics in our country. Many old States have vanished, and many new States have been created. Areas, boundaries, and names of the States have been changed. In 1947, the boundaries of several old States of India were changed in order to create new States. This was done to ensure that people who spoke the same language lived in the same State. Some States were created not on the basis of language but to recognise differences based on culture, ethnicity or geography. These include States like Nagaland, Uttarakhand, and Jharkhand. When the demand for the formation of States on the basis of language was raised, some national leaders feared that it would lead to the disintegration of the country. The Central Government resisted linguistic States for some time. But the experience has shown

that the formation of linguistic States has actually made the country, more united. It has also made administration easier.

- i. Select the two bases on which new states of India have been created.
 - a. Religion and geography.
 - b. Language and regional culture.
 - c. Culture and religion.
 - d. Language and community.
- ii. Which state of India was first formed on the basis of language?
 - a. Karnataka.
 - b. Tamil Nadu.
 - c. Andhra Pradesh.
 - d. Telangana.
- iii. Here are four reactions to the language policy followed in India. Which are true in the case of India?
 - a. Language based states have divided us by making everyone conscious of their language.
 - b. The policy of accommodation has strengthened national unity.
 - c. The language policy has only helped to consolidate the dominance of English over all other languages.
 - d. It led to the disintegration of the country.
- iv. Which was the first test for democratic politics in our Country?
 - a. Caste problem.
 - b. Language problem.
 - c. Problems related to union territories.
 - d. Creation of linguistic state.

MCQ Answers-

1. Answer: a
2. Answer: b
3. Answer: b
4. Answer: b
5. Answer: a
6. Answer: c
7. Answer: a

8. Answer: a
9. Answer: a
10. Answer: d
11. Answer: c
12. Answer: d
13. Answer: d
14. Answer: c
15. Answer: c

Very Short Answers-

1. Ans. Jammu and Kashmir
2. Ans. Federalism is a system of government, under which power is divided between a central authority and its various constituent units.
3. Ans. In unitary government there is only one level of government and if sub units are there, that are subordinate to the central government.
4. Ans. It is council consisting of several ward members at village level, often called the Panch and the head is Sarpanch.
5. Ans. A few Gram Panchayats are grouped together to form a Panchayat Samiti or Block or a Mandal.
6. Ans. All the panchayat Samitis or Mandals in a district together constitute the Zila Parishad.
7. Ans. Mayor is the head of a Municipal Corporation.
8. Ans. .Union List
9. Ans. In both countries there are two or more levels of Government.
10. Ans. In Belgium Community Government is there, but in India such type of provision is not there.

Short Answers-

1. Ans.

- a) India is multilingual country. According to the census of 1991 recorded more than 1500 distinct languages, people mentioned their mother tongues.
- b) Hindi is mother tongue of only 40% of the people of India.
- c) There are 21 languages recognized by the constitution.
- d) In states of Southern India there has been violent opposition to Hindi.

2. Ans.

- a) Federalism has at least two levels of government.

- b) The central government is responsible for subjects of national importance.
- c) The state government looks after the daily administration of the states.
- d) In Unitary system there is only one level of government and if any subunits are there that remains subordinate to the central government.

3. Ans.

- a) When independent states come together and form a federation is coming together route. Example: USA, Switzerland and Australia.
- b) When a country decides to divide its power between the constituent state and the national government that is holding together route. Example: India, Spain and Belgium.

4. Ans.

- a) Union list includes those subjects which are of national interest and on which a uniform policy is needed in the whole country. The Union Government makes laws on these subjects. Example, defense, foreign affairs and banking.
- b) State list includes subjects of state and local importance example, police, trade, agriculture etc.
- c) Concurrent list includes subjects of common interest to the Union Government and the State Government, Example: Education, forest etc.

5. Ans.

- a) It is the third level of Indian Federal System.
- b) This level gives a chance to the people to become the representatives of people.
- c) There are 36 lakhs elected representatives in the local bodies.
- d) There is reservation for women, SCs and STs.
- e) They strengthen the democratic system of India.

6. Ans.

- a) Local Government bodies exist in urban areas also. In Towns there are municipalities and in big cities there are municipal corporations.
- b) Both municipalities and municipal corporations are controlled by elected bodies consisting of people's representatives.
- c) Municipality is headed by the chairman and Municipal Corporation is headed by the Mayor.

7. Ans.

- a) In the unitary system power is centered with the central authority and in federal system, power is allotted to the state and local level government.
- b) In Federal system power is allocated separately to the central and state level governments. In Unitary system there is no separate unit of the government.

- c) In Federal system the focus is on national and state issues and in unitary system, the focus is completely on gaining power.
- d) In country like France, Italy, Japan and UK use unitary system. The countries like US, Canada, Argentina, Australia, Austria, India, and Switzerland use federal system of government.

8. Ans.

- a) Federalism means sharing power among the central and non central authorities. it seeks to give equal representation to all the constituent units.
- b) Even in the constituent units or in states, there is diversity in the population with respect to language, religion, caste and culture.
- c) To give equal opportunity and voice to various social groups, there is reservation for some categories like SCs, STs, OBCs and women in some areas.
- d) This reservation aims to give power to the socially weaker sections of the society to give them an equal chance and representation in the political system.

9. Ans.

- a) In 1992, 73rd Amendment Act gave constituent status to the Panchayati raj institution.
- b) It created the third tier of federalism in India below the central government level and the state government level.
- c) The Objective of this Amendment was to make democracy more powerful and effective by giving power to the grassroots units of self government.

10. Ans.

- a) If we study the main difference between the federal and the unitary governments, in the present times the federal governments certainly score over the unitary governments, especially when people of different religions, castes and cultures resides in one and same country.
- b) In chapter Power Sharing we have seen how a unitary form of government has proved a failure in Sri Lanka while a federal type of government has proved a great success in Belgium.
- c) In Sri Lanka Unitary government fails to solve the dispute of different sections of the society but in Belgium the federal government gives equal respect to the demands of different sections of the society.
- d) In Belgium all types of people have been accommodated while in Majoritarianism has been thrust upon the people especially over the minority community in Sri Lanka.

Long Answers-**Answer 1.**

- Decentralization: When power is taken from central and state governments and is given to local government, it is called decentralization. The Constitution was amended in 1992 to make the third tier of democracy more powerful and effective.
- Provisions of the Constitutional Amendment of 1992 are:
 - (i) Now it is mandatory to hold regular elections to local government bodies.
 - (ii) Seats are reserved in the elected bodies and the executive heads of these institutions for SCs, STs and OBCs.
 - (iii) At least one-third of all positions are reserved for women.
 - (iv) An independent institution called State Election Commission has been created in each state to conduct panchayat and municipal elections.
 - (v) The state governments are required to share some powers and revenue with local government bodies.

Answer 2.

- India had emerged as an independent nation after a painful and bloody partition.
- Soon after independence several princely states become a part of the country.
- The constitution declared India as a Union of States.
- Although it did not use the word federation, the Indian Union is based on the principles of federalism.
- India is fulfilling all the requirements which are required for a federal country.

Answer 3.

The basic idea behind decentralization:

- Large number of problems and issues are best settled at the local level because people have better knowledge of their local problems.
- It helps in promoting direct participation.

Structure of Rural Local Government:

- Zila Parishad: All the mandals in a district together constitute the Zila Parishad. Most of the members are elected and headed by a chairperson.
- Panchayat Samiti or Mandal or Block: The members of this body are elected by the entire panchayat members in that area. A few Gram Panchayats are grouped together to form this government body.
- Gram Panchayat: A council consisting of several ward members often called Panch. The president is called sarpanch. It is the decision-making body for the entire village.

Answer 4.

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Assertion Reason Answer:

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2. (d) Both assertion (A) and reason (R) are false.

Case Study Answer:

1. i (b) Besides, at the local level it is possible for the people to directly participate in decision making. This helps to inculcate a habit of democratic participation.
- ii. (c) A and D
- iii. (d) Scheduled tribe.
- iv. (d) State Election Commission looks after these elections.
2. i (a) Religion and geography.
- ii. (b) Tamil Nadu.
- iii. (c) The language policy has only helped to consolidate the dominance of English over all other languages.
- iv. (c) Problems related to union territories.