I. **Fill in the Blanks**

1. *Improvement Trusts* are special development boards set up for very large cities, such as Delhi and Mumbai, for ensuring overall welfare.
2. *Aldermen* are respected elder members of the municipal corporation.
3. Each city is divided into *wards* for the election of members of municipalities.
4. The tenure of a municipality is for **five** years.
5. *Cantonment Boards* govern the areas occupied by army personnel.
6. Smaller cities with a population of more than 20,000 but less than 5,00,000 have *Municipalities or Nagar Palikas*.
7. The *Deputy Mayor* discharges duties in the absence of a mayor.
8. One-third of the seats are reserved for *women* in the municipal corporation.
9. To ensure supply of safe drinking water and maintenance of proper standards of sanitation are *compulsory* functions of the municipal corporation.
10. The *Commissioner* is appointed by the state government and is in-charge of the general administration of the municipality.

II. **Answer these Questions**

1. Why do we need urban local self-government bodies?
   We need urban local self-government bodies to look after the needs of urban area such as health facilities, education, entertainment, maintenance of streets, public buildings and street lights, water supply and sanitation.

2. Who are aldermen? What is their role?
   Aldermen are the elderly respected citizens of the city elected as members of the municipal corporation. Their role is to provide valuable suggestions for the welfare of their city. They also form part of the municipal corporation.

3. What are the sources of income of municipal corporations?
   The sources of income of the municipal corporations are different types of taxes such as water tax, entertainment taxes, property tax, pilgrimage tax, toll tax, electricity and parking charges.

4. Who is at the head of a municipal corporation? How is he/she elected?
   Mayor is the head of the municipal corporation. He/she is elected on the basis of adult franchise for a term of five years.

5. Who are ward councilors? What is their role in a municipal corporation?
   Ward councilors are the representatives of people from their respective wards. Their role in a municipal corporation is to look after the needs of the people in their respective wards.

6. List the population size for which a municipality is set up. What are its functions?
   Smaller cities with a population of more than 20,000 and up to 5,00,000 have municipality or nagar paliks.

   Municipality is responsible for providing health facilities, education, entertainment, maintenance of streets, public buildings and street lights, water supply, sanitation etc.
7. What is the composition of a municipality?
   Municipality is composed of a Commissioner, President, Vice-president, Aldermen and other members. Some seats are reserved for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, backward classes and women.

8. Write a brief note on the structure and composition of a municipal corporation.
   Municipal Corporation composed of directly elected members from the area of municipal corporation and they are known as Ward Councilors. The elected members form a committee elect Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Aldermen and Members of Legislative Assembly, who represent the area of Municipal Corporation are also the part of municipal Corporation.

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10. What is a ward? Why are they created?
    Ward is an administrative division of a city or town. They are created for the better administrative purpose.

11. Name two metropolitan cities. Why do they have municipal corporations?
    Kolkata and Mumbai are the two of metropolitan cities. They have municipal corporations because these cities are highly populated with large numbers of problems which require proper solutions.

12. Local self-governing bodies were created so that needs of common people are well-addressed. Do you agree? Justify your answer.
    (Kindly compose your own answer, take help from your elders.)

13. Who is the mayor of your city? What is the role of the mayor?
    (Write the name of the Mayor/Chairman of your respective City/town)
    The role of the Mayor:
    He/she acts as the head of the Municipal Council.
    He/she acts as the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation.
    He/she presides over the council meetings.
    He/she represents the municipal corporation at official functions.

State whether true or false.

1. Municipalities are set up in areas having more than ten lakh population. [F]
2. The president and vice-president of municipalities are elected directly by the people. [F]
3. Octroi is a tax levied on the good coming into the city. [T]
4. Mayor is elected for a term of ten years. [F]
5. Chennai is governed by a municipality. [F]