

Very Short Answer Questions

Q.1. What is bund?

Ans. In a village farmer are part of an agricultural fraternity. They own a small piece of land for many years. Fields of two farmers are adjoined by a small mud boundary wall called a bund.

Q.2. Why are farmers in village scared of reporting to police?

Ans. There are several farmers in the village who are rich and own musclemen. Small farmers are scared of reporting cases against these big farmers as they are scared of their money and muscle power.

Q.3. What is FIR?

Ans. FIR is the First Information Report filed by an individual to register his complaint. It contains details of happenings which are to be investigated.

Q.4. Who is a SHO? What does he do?

Ans. SHO is the Station House Officer of an area. He is responsible for maintenance of law and order in the area under the jurisdiction of his police station. He gets FIR filed in case of a complaint and either himself or through his constable gets the matter investigated to take an appropriate action.

Q.5. Who is a Patwari?

Ans. A Patwari is a person who keeps a record of the land owned by people. It is a record that could prove how much and which land is owned by which person. He is also responsible for the collection of land revenue from the village.

Q.6. What was the condition of women in Hindu family till a few years back?

Ans. Till a few years back, woman in Hindu family did not get a share in the family's agricultural land or ancestral property. After the death of the father, all the land and property was divided equally amongst only the sons of the family and the daughters were denied a share.

Short Answer Questions

Q.1. What is rural administration?

Ans. India is a vast country with a vast land area. There are more than six lakh villages in India. It is not easy to provide basic necessities like water, electricity and roads to all these villages. It is a tough task involving a lot of effort and expenditure. To keep villages on track, it is necessary to maintain law and order in the village and keep a record of its land and revenue. This is the task of rural administration.

Q.2. What is a police station? What is its duty?

Ans. A particular police station works for a particular area and all people living in that area are to report any crime, theft, accident or injury of any kind and fights, in their own police station only. The officers also take action on the cases within their jurisdiction. It is the duty of police working at that police station to ensure that they don't overstep their jurisdiction.

Long Answer Questions

Q.1. Examine the role of a village Patwari.

Ans. A Patwari also called Lekhpal or Kanungo or Karamchari is a person who deals with the main work of measuring land and maintaining the land records belonging to different villages. Each Patwari maintains and updates the records of the village. The village Patwari is also responsible for the collection of land revenue from the village. He even has to keep a record of crops grown in that area. Keeping a track of changes done by farmers in their fields from time to time is also done by the Patwari.

Q.2. How does rural administration work efficiently?

Ans. India is divided into small states which are in turn divided into districts. In order to run the administration, the district comprises of adjacent villages and towns. The revenue department manages all work relating to land. The sub-division of the district are called tehsil, taluka, etc. The district collector is the head of the revenue department. Under him come small officers like tehsildar, naib tehsildar who assist him in his work. Below them are the Patwaris who give information about the ownership, area, location, cultivated area and the facilities available. The copy of records can be made available easily to the farmer or landowners, whenever they need them.

HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q.1. Examine the Hindu Succession Amendment Act, 2005.

Ans.

- i. In this new law, sons, daughters and their mothers can get an equal share in the property and land.
- ii. The same law will apply to all states and union territories of the country.
- iii. This law will benefit a large number of women.
- iv. It makes them independent and gives their confidence to feel important and gives them a feeling of security.