

Corrigendum/Explanation SFG 2025 Level 1 Test 8

There is 1 change in today's paper (Q.27). In Q.27, the correct answer is Option (a).

Also, some extra explanations have been provided for the students who have raised doubts.

In Q.27) the correct answer is option (a).

There was a doubt raised regarding the Statement IV of the question that “Reserving seats for Schedule Castes, Schedule Tribes, and women in proportion to their population.”

Explanation: Statement IV is incorrect. There was a typing error in the statement and the statement should have been “Reserving seats for Schedule Castes, Schedule Tribes, and women”. The statement in the present form is incorrect as the Committee did not recommend reserving seats for Schedule Castes, Schedule Tribes, and women in proportion to their population in Panchayati Raj institutions.

For Future Reference:

Q.27) Which of the following were the recommendations of the Gadgil Committee (1988) on Panchayati Raj institutions?

- I. Providing a fixed five-year term for Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).
- II. Direct elections to Panchayats at all three levels viz, village, intermediate, and district.
- III. Establishing a State Finance Commission to allocate finances to Panchayats.
- IV. Reserving seats for Schedule Castes, Schedule Tribes, and women in proportion to their population.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) I, II and III only
- b) I and IV only
- c) II, III and IV only
- d) I, II, III and IV

Ans) a

Exp) Option a is the correct answer.

The **Gadgil Committee (1988)** officially the Committee on Policy and Programmes was set up to examine how Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) could be made effective and durable.

Statement I is correct. To strengthen continuity and regular functioning of local governance, the **Gadgil** committee proposed a **fixed five-year tenure** for PRIs at all three tiers, thereby enhancing democratic participation and accountability.

Statement II is correct. The **Gadgil** committee proposed **direct elections at all three tiers** of the Panchayati Raj system that is at the village, intermediate and district level.

Statement III is correct. To enable effective functioning, the committee called for financial autonomy, empowering PRIs to levy, collect, and appropriate taxes and duties. Additionally, it proposed the establishment of a **State Finance Commission** for fair financial allocation.

Statement IV is incorrect. The **Gadgil** committee stressed the need for representation by proposing **proportional reservations for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and women** based on their

population share. The statement is incorrect as the committee mentions regarding the reservation of SCs, STs and women but not based on the proportion to their population.

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Subject:) Polity

Topic:) System of Panchayats

Subtopic:)

In Q.9) There was a doubt raised regarding option IV of the question that “Addition of Provisions related to the constitution of the State Finance Commission in the Constitution” was done through 74th Constitutional Amendment or not.

Explanation: Option IV is incorrect. Provisions related to the constitution of the State Finance Commission in the Constitution were added to the Constitution of India through 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act. Article 243I (1) of the Constitution of India states that “ The Governor of a State shall, as soon as may be within one year from the commencement of the Constitution (Seventy-third Amendment) Act, 1992, and thereafter at the expiration of every fifth year, **constitute a Finance Commission. Further** Article 243I (1) and 243I(3) of the Constitution provides that “(2) The Legislature of a State may, by law, provide for the composition of the Commission, the qualifications which shall be requisite for appointment as members thereof and the manner in which they shall be selected. (3) The Commission shall determine their procedure and shall have such powers in the performance of their functions as the Legislature of the State may, by law, confer on them.

So provisions regarding the constitution/establishment of State Finance Commission are and the other aspects related to the qualifications of members etc are provided under Article 243I through the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act.

The 74th Constitutional Act provides Article 243Y of the Constitution that **The Finance Commission constituted under article 243I** shall also review the financial position of the Municipalities and make related recommendations to the Governor.

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