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Fourth Semester M.A. Degree Examination, July 2014 Branch : Sociology (2008 Admission Onwards) SO 243 B : LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETY

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

PART-A

Answer **all** questions in approximately **half** a page. Explain the following :

(10×1.5=15 Marks)

- 1. People's participation
- 2. Three-tier system
- 3. Ombudsman
- 4. Finance commission
- 5. Municipality
- 6. Marginalized groups
- 7. Federal government
- 8. LSGIs
- 9. Good governance
- 10. Civil society.

PART-B

Answer any two questions from any two different sets in not more than 600 words each. (2×6=12 Marks)

11. Explain the salient features of Kerala Panchayati Raj.

OR

Special features of functioning of Kerala Panchayati Raj.

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12. Write a short note on Kerala experiences of People's Planning.

OR

Distinguish between the importance and roles of Ombudsman and Tribunal.

13. Explain major achievements of LSGIs in uplifting weaker sections.

OR

Socio economic perspectives of LSGIs.

14. Critically examine the recommendations of finance commission to the functioning of Panchayats.

OR

Role of different agencies in strengthening LSGIs.

PART-C

Answer any two questions in not more than 1200 words each. (2×24=48 Marks)

- 15. Explain the role of 73rd Amendment in the emergence of Panchayati Raj Institutions. Give an accounts of its philosophy and principles.
- 16. Discuss the salient features of Kerala Panchayati Raj Act. Describe its major drawbacks.
- 17. Critically analyse the role and functions of different formal and non-formal agencies for strengthening LSGIs.
- 18. Critically evaluate the role of women empowerment through Panchayati Raj Institutions.