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**Fourth Semester M.A. Degree Examination, August 2011**  
**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 :

1. Local Democracy
2. Tribunal
3. Election Commission
4. Legislature
5. Weaker Section
6. Civil Society
7. Democratic decentralisation
8. 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment
9. Party System
10. Federalism. (10×1.5=15 Marks)

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## PART – B

Answer **any two** questions from **any two** different sets in **not** more than **600** words **each**.

11. Describe the legal perspectives of Local Self Government Institutions.

OR

Highlight the recommendations of the Ashok Mehta Committee.

12. Explain the salient features of Kerala Panchayat Raj Act.

OR

Explain the roles of Ombudsman.

13. Write a short note on People's Planning.

OR

Describe the important recommendations of the finance commission to the Panchayats.

14. Give a brief account of the major shortcomings of the Panchayati Raj.

OR

List out the measures taken by the Union and State Governments to enable Panchayats.

(2×6=12 Marks)

## PART – C

Answer **any two** questions in **not** more than **1200** words **each**.

15. Give an account of the social, economic and legal perspectives of Local Self Government Institutions.

16. Explain the concept Panchayati Raj Institutions and discuss the recommendations of Balwantrai Mehta Committee.

17. Write an essay on Kerala Municipality Act.

18. Discuss the role of different agencies for strengthening LSGIS.

(2×24=48 Marks)