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Worksheet No: 16	Topic: Public Facilities	Year: 2024-25

I	Choose the correct option: -
1	Who is responsible to provide public facilities to the people? (a) Government (b)President (c)Police (d) None of these
2	Which industry was responsible for the contamination of water in the Mahbubnagar district case? (a) Telecom industry(b) Pharmaceutical industry (c) Textile industry (d) Mining industry
3	The Indian Constitution guarantees the Right to Education for all children between the ages of ... (a) 9-15 years (b) 6-14 years (c) 5-14 years (d) 6-15 years
4	Which court restated that the right to safe drinking water is a Fundamental Right in 2007? (a) Supreme Court of India (b) Andhra Pradesh High Court (c)Delhi High Court (d) Goa High Court
5	Why is safe drinking water necessary? (a) For agriculture only (b) To meet daily needs and prevent water-related diseases (c)For industrial purposes (d) To conserve wildlife
6	Under which Article is the Right to water recognized in the Constitution of India. (a)Article 20 (b) Article 21 (c) Article 22 (d) Article 23
II	Fill in the blanks: -
7	<u>Sanitation</u> is a must in prevention of water-borne diseases.
8	India has one of the largest number of cases of diseases such as <u>Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and Cholera.</u>
9	<u>Mumbai's suburban railway</u> is an example for the well-functioning of a public transport system.
10	Public facilities relate to our <u>basic needs.</u>
III	Very Short Answer Questions: -
11	State the reason for the maximum number of deaths among the children in India. Maximum death among children in India is caused by water-related diseases.
12	Mention few public facilities that are also provided and maintained by private companies. School, Colleges, Healthcare and Transportation.
13	What is a Government budget? This is an account of the expenses the government has made on its programmes in the past year and how much it plans to spend in the coming year.
14	What do you mean by universal access to water? Universal access to water means that it is the right of every person, whether rich or poor, to have sufficient amounts of water to fulfil his/her daily needs at a price that he/she can afford.
IV	Answer in detail: -
15	Why is water considered as a part of the fundamental right to life? ➤ Water is essential for life and for good health. Not only is it necessary for us to be able to meet our daily needs but safe drinking water can prevent many water-related diseases. ➤ Also, the Constitution of India recognises the right to water as being a part of the Right to Life under Article 21.

	➤ Thus, water is considered as a part of the fundamental right to life.
16	What is an important characteristic of the Public Facilities? Give example. ➤ The important characteristic of the Public Facilities is that once it is provided, its benefits can be shared by many people. ➤ For instance, a school in the village will enable many children to get educated. ➤ Similarly, the supply of electricity to an area can be useful for many people: farmers can run pump sets to irrigate their fields, people can open small workshops that run on electricity, students will find it easier to study and most people in the village will benefit in some way or the other.
17	How do middle-class families adapt to water shortages in their daily lives? ➤ The middle class, when faced with water shortages, are able to cope through a variety of private means such as digging borewells, buying water from tankers and using bottled water for drinking.
18	What are the water sources for rural families and their livestock? ➤ In rural areas, water is needed both for human use and for use by the cattle. The sources of water are wells, handpumps, ponds and sometimes overhead tanks. Much of these are privately owned. Compared to the urban areas, there is an even greater shortage of public water supply in rural areas.
V	Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: - Within India, there are cases of success in government water departments, though these are few in number and limited to certain areas of their work. The water supply department in Mumbai raises enough money through water charges to cover its expenses on supplying water. In Hyderabad, a report shows that the department has increased coverage and improved performance in revenue collection. In Chennai, the department has taken several initiatives for harvesting rain water to increase the level of groundwater. It has also used the services of private companies for transporting and distributing water but the government water supply department decides the rate for water tankers and gives them permission to operate. Hence they are called 'on contract'. A. What are the initiatives taken by the water department in Chennai to improve water management? Answer: The water department in Chennai has taken several initiatives like harvesting rainwater to increase the level of groundwater. It has also used the services of private companies for transporting and distributing water, although the government department controls the rates and operations of these companies. B. How did the water supply department in Mumbai manage its finances successfully? Answer: The water supply department in Mumbai has successfully managed its finances by generating enough revenue through water charges to cover all the expenses associated with supplying water. C. What improvements have been reported in Hyderabad water department? Answer: In Hyderabad, the water department has increased its coverage and improved performance in revenue collection. D. What do you think about to conserve water and improve its supply? ➤ Wise and judicious use of water is the most important step to conserve water. ➤ Several initiatives for rainwater harvesting to improve ground water level needs to be taken. ➤ It also requires the use of services of private companies for transporting and distributing water to ensure regular supply. Every citizen of the country has the right to all the facilities provided by the government in an equitable manner.