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I	Choose the correct option: -
1	Which facility, besides drinking water is necessary to prevent water-borne disease? (a) Sanitation (b) Transport (c) Road (d) All of these
2	To provide Public facilities, the government accumulate money from _____. (a) The Income Tax collected from the people (b) The Fines collected from the people (c) Other taxes collected from the people (d) All of these
3	Which of the following is the most important public transport? (a) Aero plane (b) Boat (c) Buses (d) Cars
4	Who is responsible to provide public facilities to the people? (a) Government (b) Public (c) Private organization (d) None of these
II	Fill in the blanks: -
5	A company is a form of organization set up by the people or by the government.
6	Cholera is a water-borne disease.
7	Mumbai's suburban railway is an example for the well-functioning of a public transport system.
8	Water is essential for life and good health.
III	Very Short Answer Questions: -
9	State the reason for the maximum number of deaths among the children in India. Ans. Maximum death among children in India is caused by water-related diseases.
10	Mention few public facilities that are also provided by private companies. Ans. school, colleges, healthcare and transportation
11	Which article of the Indian Constitution recognizes the 'right to water'? Ans. The Constitution of India recognises the right to water as being a part of the Right to Life under Article 21.
12	State the role of government in public facilities. Ans. One of the most important functions of the government is to ensure that these public facilities are made available to everyone.
IV	Answer in detail: -
13	Write a short note on "Water as a part of the fundamental Right to Life". ➤ The constitution of India recognized the right to water as being a part of right to life under article. ➤ This means that it is the right of every person, whether rich or poor to have sufficient amount of water to fulfill daily needs at a price they can afford. ➤ There should be "Universal access" to water.
14	In some parts of the country, water supply has been improved. Explain with examples of Mumbai, Hyderabad and Chennai. ➤ In Mumbai the water supply department in raises enough money through water charges to cover its expenses on supplying water.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In Hyderabad, a recent report shows that the department has increased coverage and improved performance in revenue collection. ➤ In Chennai, the department has taken several initiatives for harvesting rainwater to increase the level of ground water. It has also used the services of private companies for transporting and distributing water.
15	<p>What do you think about to conserve water and improve its supply?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 facility provided by the government in an equitable manner.
16	<p>“Most of the private hospitals & private schools are located in major cities and not in towns or rural areas”. Give reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Most private schools and hospitals are located in major cities because in small towns and rural areas there is not a constant supply of electricity and hospitals and schools need constant supply. ➤ Hence in rural areas hospital & schools are not available.
17	<p>Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>Porto Alegre is a city in Brazil. Though there are many poor people in this city, what is remarkable is that it has a far lower number of infant deaths as compared to most other cities of the world. The city’s water department has achieved universal access to safe water and this is the main reason behind the lower number of infant deaths. The average price of water is kept low, and the poor are charged half the basic rate. Whatever profit the department makes is used to improve the water supply. The working of the water department is transparent and people can have a direct say in deciding which projects the department should take up. Through a process of public meetings, people hear what the managers have to say and also vote on their priorities.</p> <p>A. What is remarkable about the city of Porto Alegre?</p> <p>There are many poor people in this city, but it is remarkable it has a far lower number of infant deaths as compared to most other cities of the world.</p> <p>B. Where the profit is used by the water department?</p> <p>The profit the department makes is used to improve the water supply.</p> <p>C. What is the achievement of water department in the cities?</p> <p>The city’s water department has achieved universal access to safe water and this is the main reason behind the lower number of infant deaths.</p>