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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	Borewell is a type of tube well that supplies water in a raw form.
6	Cholera is a water-borne disease.
7	Mumbai's suburban railway is an example of a well-functioning public transport system.
8	Government carries the responsibility of providing public facilities to the people.
III	Very Short Answer Questions: -
9	What is the position of water availability in the slum area where Padma lives? Ans. For 30 hutments there is a common tap at one corner, in which water comes from a borewell for 20 minutes twice daily.
10	What does Right to Water mean? Ans. It 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.
11	How do private companies supply drinking water to city people? How can deaths due to diarrhoea and dysentery be prevented? Ans. Private companies supply drinking water to city people in sealed bottles. Deaths due to diarrhoea and dysentery can be prevented by making safe drinking water accessible to all.
12	What is the function of a government budget? Ans. It's an annual financial statement showing government income (taxes) and expenditure on services like health, education, and infrastructure, reflecting priorities for public welfare.
IV	Answer in detail: -
13	Write a short note on "Water as a part of the fundamental Right to Life". ➤ The constitution of India recognizes 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	<p>In some parts of the country, water supply has been improved. Explain with examples of Mumbai, Hyderabad and Chennai.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In Mumbai the water supply department raises enough money through water charges to cover its expenses on supplying water. ➤ 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 can be done 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 small towns and rural areas do not have a constant supply of electricity and other facilities required for their functioning. ➤ Hence hospital & schools are not easily available in rural areas.
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? 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? 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? The city’s water department has achieved universal access to safe water which is the main reason behind the lower number of infant deaths.</p>