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CHAPTER 5(Question answer)
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Exercises

1. What problem did the villagers in Hardas village face? What did they do to solve this problem?

Ans:



Tanks



Dams

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Water problem had become very acute. The hand pump water had gone well below the point, up to which the ground had been drilled. They hardly got any water in the taps. Women had to walk 3 km to get the water from the Suru river. They were planning to go ahead with watershed development.

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2. What in your opinion, is the importance of the Gram Sabha? Do you think all members should attend Gram Sabha meetings? Why?

Ans:



Gram Sabha

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Importance of Gram Sabha:

- Gram Sabha is the elected body of people consisting of several Gram Panchayats.
- It has more powers than Gram Panchayat.
- It controls the money received by the Gram Panchayat.
- It also suggests various tasks to be done by the Gram Panchayat.

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- All members should attend Gram Sabha meetings because they have to make decisions about the welfare of the village people.

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3. What is the link between a Gram Sabha and a Gram Panchayat?

Ans: Gram panchayat members are elected by the gram sabha. The gram panchayat is answerable to the gram sabha. Gram sabha can keep a check on the activities of members of the gram panchayat

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5. What is the difference between a Gram Sabha and a Gram Panchayat?

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Gram Sabha	Gram Panchayat
1. It is a meeting of all adults who live in the area covered by a panchayat.	1. Gram Panchayat is elected by the members of the Gram Sabha for a period of five years.
2. It covers one or a few villages.	1. It is divided into wards. Each ward is represented by an elected representative known as Ward Member (Panch).
3. There is no concept of reservation.	3. A few seats are reserved for women and the people belonging to the scheduled caste and scheduled tribes.
4. It is a permanent body.	4. It is elected for a term of 5 years.

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6. Read the following news item:

Nimone is a village on the Chauphula-Shirur Road. Like many others, this village has also been facing a severe water shortage for the last few months and villages depend on tankers for all their needs. Bhagvan Mahadeo Lad (35) of this village was beaten with sticks, iron rods and axes by a group of seven men. The incident came to light when some villagers brought a badly injured Lad to hospital for

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treatment. In the FIR recorded by the police Lad said that he was attacked when he insisted that the water in the tanker must be emptied into the storage tanks constructed as part of the water supply scheme by Nimone Gram Panchayat so that there would be equal distribution of water. However, he alleged that the upper caste men were against this and told him that the tanker water was not meant for the lower castes.

Adapted, from Indian Express, ' May 1, 2004

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1. Why was Bhagvan beaten?

Ans: He wanted the tanker water to be emptied into the storage tanks, as a part of the water supply scheme by Nimone Gram Panchayat. But the upper caste men were against this and therefore they beat Bhagvan to suppress his demand.

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2. Do you think that the above is a case of discrimination? Why?

Ans: Yes, the above is a case of discrimination, because the upper caste men tries to suppress the genuine demand of the lower castes. They look them down upon and ignore their existence.

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7. Find out more about watershed development and how it benefits an area?



Watershed Development

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Ans: Watershed Development Programme is an initiative of the government. It is done by the Non-government Organization (NGOs). It helps in the conservation of water by plantation, making bunds, canals, etc.