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**Fourth Semester LL.M. Examination, June/July 2012**  
**Course – III : PANCHAYAT RAJ INSTITUTIONS**  
**(Constitutional Law Branch)**  
**Specialisation Paper – IX)**

Duration : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- Instructions :** 1. Answer **all five** questions.  
2. Figures to the **right** indicate marks.

Q. No.1. (a) Elucidate the important milestones in the evolution of local self Governments before independence in India. Marks : 10

OR

Discuss the reports of various committees on the setting up of Panchayat Raj Institutions.

- (b) Write a short note on : Marks : 6  
i) Gandhi's concept of Village Panchayat.  
OR  
ii) Decentralisation.

Q. No.2. (a) Explain in brief the provisions of the Indian Constitution governing Panchayats in India. Marks : 10

OR

Discuss the powers and responsibilities of Panchayats as provided in the Indian Constitution.

- (b) Write short note on : Marks : 6  
i) Panchayat Raj Jurisprudence.  
OR  
ii) Reservation of seats in Panchayats.

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Q. No.3. (a) Critically evaluate the legislative measures dealing with democratisation of Panchayat Raj Institutions.

Marks : 10

OR

Explain the salient features of the Panchayat Raj Act, 1993.

(b) Write short note on :

Marks : 6

i) District Planning Committee.

OR

ii) Power to impose taxes.

Q. No.4. (a) Explain the legal status of Panchayat Raj Institutions in Karnataka.

Marks : 10

OR

Explain the Constitution of Panchayat Raj Institutions in Karnataka and devolution of finance to them.

(b) Write short note on :

Marks : 6

i) Gram Sabha.

OR

ii) State Election Commission.

Q. No.5. (a) Explain the powers and functions of Gram Panchayats, Taluk Panchayats and Zilla Panchayats in Karnataka.

Marks : 10

OR

Critically discuss the role of Panchayats as agencies of development at the grass root level.

(b) Write short note on :

Marks : 6

i) Election Petition and trial.

OR

ii) Planning at Grass root level.

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