



Post Graduate Diploma in Urban Environmental Management and Law  
5<sup>th</sup> Assignment

July 2021-22

**Total: 50 marks**

**Question 1:**

The current constitutional framework is an elaborate exercise in creating, constituting, and electing local governments, without directly devolving powers to them. Such powers are left, constitutionally, to States to devolve by legislation; as a consequence, although local representation has been achieved, we are still struggling to attain local self-government.”

**In light of the above excerpt, comment how 73rd and 74th amendments to the Constitution of India plays a role in strengthening the urban and infrastructural development in the country.**

**(15 marks, 800-1000 words)**

**Question 2:**

Girls often face issues in having access to security, water, sanitation, education, transport and health services. Discuss the role of mainstreaming gender equality in urban planning and development. What actions can be taken to make our cities inclusive for all. Also, discuss the role of women in decision making and policy development for urbanisation.

**(10 marks, 1000-1200 words)**

**Question 3:**

The menace of plastic pollution is on the rise and urban consumers are believed to have unsustainable way of consumption and are more accustomed to convenience. Urbanisation is one of the factors which contributes to the plastic pollution. Suggest ways in which plastic pollution can be reduced by altering the lifestyle of urban consumers.

**(10 marks, 800-1000 words)**

**Question 4:**

In the recent report released by WWF and UNEP titled as *The Future for all: The need for human-wildlife coexistence*” states as below:

“In the Anthropogenic drivers, such as habitat loss, changes in land use, livestock management, expansion of agricultural practices, climate change, resource extraction, infrastructure development, and urbanisation, increase the potential for Human Wildlife Conflict.” [pp. 17]

**Comment on the above statement and suggest ways in which better urban planning and management can reduce the human wildlife conflict?**

**(15 marks, 1000-1200 words)**