

LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN KENYA

18. Name any one officer of municipal council who is appointed by the public service commission.

- (i) The town clerk
- (ii) The treasurer
- (iii) The engineer
- (iv) The medical officer of health
- (v) Municipal education officer

(any 1 x 1 = 1 mark)

25. a) Name three types of local authorities in Kenya.

- (i) City councils
- (ii) Municipal council
- (iii) Town council
- (iv) County council
- (v) Urban council

Any 3 x 1 = 3 marks

b) Explain the services offered by local authorities.

- (i) They provide street lighting
- (ii) Ensure safety of residents
- (iii) Provide houses to residents & approves housing plans for individuals and companies
- (iv) Maintain roads within their areas of jurisdiction.
- (v) Provide education facilities to residents
- (vi) Provide recreational facilities e.g. stadium, social hall
- (vii) Provide health facilities
- (viii) Provide employment opportunities & training to many people.
- (ix) Provide water & sewerage services, collect garbage in towns & provide proper sanitation.
- (x) Burying unclaimed bodies/offer cemeteries.
- (xi) Link the people with the government of Kenya through elected leaders.
- (xii) Mobilize local resources and energy in carrying projects within their areas.
- (xiii) They promote commercial activities by building and maintaining markets .
- (xiv) They make by-laws that regulate the activities and behaviour of those living in their areas of jurisdiction.
- (xv) Maintain public areas such as squares and gardens

Any 6 x 2 = 12 marks

ANS 18,25 DIST 1

1. Mention two senior officers in Local Authority appointed by the minister of Local government in conjunction with the public service commission (2mks)
 - clerk
 - treasurer

- engineer
- medical officer of health. Any 2 = 2mks

2.(a) Identify five types of Local Authorities in Kenya

- City council
- Urban council
- Municipal council
- Town council
- County council
- Area council

(b) Explain the functions of Local Authorities in Kenya

- local authorities construct and maintain transport network in their areas of jurisdiction
- they provide social service to the people in their areas
- provision of recreation facilities e.g social hall, stadium
- facilitate business transaction between people by providing market
- issuing of trade license
- offers employment opportunities
- Provision of water and sewerage services

ANS 15,23 DIST 2

1. **Name one local Authority responsible for the administration of rural areas**

- County Council
- Area council

1 x 1 = 1 mark

ANS 15,DIST 4

2. a) - Medical officer of health

- Treasurer
- Municipal engineer

b) - Links people with the central government through their elected leaders, the councilors

- They mobilize local resources and energies in carrying out projects within their areas.

- It helps in national development through provision of education eg building nursery and

primary schools

- They provide building regulations and protection
- They provide day care centres – social clubs and hostels
- They have the responsibility of controlling pollution from industrial

commercial and

other premises in their areas.

- They provide housing services. They build residential houses in their local areas.

- They provide and maintain road network within their areas of jurisdiction.

- They promote commercial activities by building and maintaining markets.

(any six $6 \times 2 = 12\text{mks}$)

ANS 20.DIST 5

3.Name the political head of a town council in Kenya

(1mk)

- Chairman / chair person .

$1 \times 1 = 1\text{mk}$

ANS 16 DIST 6

4. Name two types of local government authorities in Kenya.

(2 mks)

- i) City council
- ii) Urban council
- iii) Municipality
- iv) Town council
- v) Area council

(Any $2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ mk}$)

ANS 13,DIST 7

5.

b) Ways on how the central government controls city councils

-The government appoints professionals officers to serve in the council e.g engineers

-Enact laws under which the council operates

-Approve council by-laws before they become operational

-Approval of loan application before disbursing funds

-Can appoint a commission to investigate the operations and financial mismanagement of the councils if such arise

-Appointment of nominated councilors to the city council

-Dissolve councils which failed to perform and appoint a committee to run the council

($5 \times 2 = 10\text{mks}$)

ANS 26b,DIST 8

24a) Name three types of local authorities in Kenya

(3mks)

- i) City council
- ii) Municipal council
- iii) Town council
- iv) Urban council
- v) County/area

$3 \times 1 = 3\text{mks}$

b) Name three types of local authorities in Kenya

(3mks)

- i) Over employment.
- ii) Misappropriation/embezzlement of funds / corruption
- iii) Inadequate trained personal to provide services.
- iv) Inadequate funds/poverty.
- v) Lack of autonomy due to government control.
- vi) Political interference.
- vii) Street families

- viii) Increased crime rate.
 - ix) Vandalism/grabbing of public property
 - x) Population increase.
 - xi) Unplanned structures.
 - xii) Varied sizes/too small to generate enough revenue to offer services to the people while other are too large and their population too high.
 - xiii) Traffic congestion/air pollution/Noise pollution.
 - xiv) Illiterate councilors
 - xv) Growth of slums
 - xvi) Duplication of roles.
- 6x2= 12mks**

ANS 24,DIST 9

1.
 - i) City council
 - ii) Municipal council
 - iii) County council
 - iv) Town council
 - v) Urban council
 - iv) Area council.
- (2x1= 2mks)

ANS 9,DIST 11

2. . a

- City council
 - Municipal councils
 - Town councils
 - Urban councils
 - County councils
 - Area councils
- (5x1=5mks)**

- b)
 - Ensures that local authorities conform to the stipulated national policies.
 - nominates councilors to local authorities.
 - has power to dissolve a local authority.
 - approves by laws made by local authorities.
 - has power to investigate activities of any local authority.
 - has power to overrule some of the decisions of the local authorities.
 - has power to withhold grants to local authorities.
 - appoints senior officers of the council e.g. clerks.
- (any 5x2=10mks)**

ANS 21,DIST 12

1. Name **two** types of local authorities in Kenya.
- (2mks)

- ❖ ***City councils***
- ❖ ***Municipal councils***
- ❖ ***County councils***
- ❖ ***Town councils***
- ❖ ***Urban and area council***

2 x 1 = 2 marks QUES 14,DIST 14

1. 2 local authorities in Kenya

- City council
- municipal council
- town council
- urban council
- area/county council

ANS 14,DIST 15

1.County councils. 1x1 = 1mk

ANS 17,DIST 16

1. - City council
- Municipal
 - Country
 - Urban/ area council
 - Town

(2 x 1=2mks)

ANS 17 DIST 17

- a) i) Gives or withholds grants to local authorities
- ii) Appoints inspectors to audit the books of accounts of the local authorities as well as
- scrutinize the expenditure
- iii) Approves levies, rates, taxes and rent increase of local authorities
- iv) Approves the loans and expenditure by the local authorities
- v) Approves the salaries and emoluments of the chief officers.
- b) i) Lack of autonomy e.g being controlled by central government
- ii) Financial problems i.e weak financial base
- iii) Manpower problems like lack of enough qualified staff.
- iv) Population pressure which strains the city council leading to deterioration of services.
- v) Powers of parliament which interferes with the running of the city council
- vi) Poor planning
- vii) Poor equipments e.g outdate fire engines
- viii) Poor working relationship between councilors and chief officers
- ix) Overemployment of workers
- x) Misappropriation of funds

xi) Street families

xii) Inefficient system of tax collection

xiii) Tax evasion

(Any 12 x 1 = 12mks)

ANS 22, DIST 18

1. Name two ex-official members of local authorities (2mks)

- Clerks

- District Commissioners

ANS 14, DIST 20