Social Science

Practice Test Paper 1

Understanding Society: India and Beyond

(Part 2 | Chapter 4: Governance and Public Policy)

Class IX

Time Allowed: 45 Minutes | Maximum Marks: 25

General Instructions

1. All 13 questions are compulsory. The paper has four sections: A, B, C and D.
2. Section A - 5 marks; Section B - 8 marks; Section C - 9 marks; Section D - 3 marks.
3. Choose one correct option in Section A. Write clear, relevant answers in Sections B, C and D.
4. Study the images carefully before answering the related questions.

SECTION A

(5 questions × 1 mark = 5 marks)

1. The object shown is the Sengol. Which idea is it traditionally associated with?



(A) Private profit
(B) Righteous governance
(C) Military expansion alone
(D) Trade taxation

2. Governance focuses mainly on:

(A) How decisions are made and carried out
(B) Only the names of rulers
(C) Only election dates
(D) Only the number of government buildings

3. Which body is part of government?

(A) A residents' club
(B) A private sports team
(C) A family council
(D) The Legislature

4. When public officials must explain their actions, the principle involved is:

(A) Secrecy
(B) Exclusion
(C) Accountability
(D) Centralisation alone

5. The Supreme Court's motto, Yato Dharmastato Jayah, comes from the:

(A) Mahabharata
(B) Arthashastra
(C) Ramcharitmanas
(D) Mundaka Upanishad

SECTION B

(4 questions × 2 marks = 8 marks)

6. Why is voting in elections alone insufficient for a well-functioning democracy? Give two reasons.

7. Observe the response to flooding below. Identify two different kinds of work taking place and explain why they must be coordinated.



8. State two reasons why governance in India did not start afresh with entirely new institutions in 1947.

9. Explain how public policy connects a public concern with government action.

SECTION C

(3 questions × 3 marks = 9 marks)

10. Complete the three missing entries in the comparison table.

Basis	Government	Governance
Meaning	A	Decision-making and implementation
Participants	Legislature, Executive, Judiciary	B
Main focus	Who governs	C

11. At the help desk shown, an older resident is assisted in using an online public service. Explain three ways this arrangement can make e-governance more inclusive.



12. Explain three features that make a government's city-wide safe-drinking-water policy a public policy.

SECTION D

(Application Based Question - 3 marks)

13. Waste collection is irregular in several lanes. Residents record the missed collection days and send the details to the municipal office.

(i) Which institution should organise the local waste-collection response?

(ii) What useful evidence have residents supplied?

(iii) Why should the municipality seek feedback after changing the collection schedule?