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Class: III **Subject: Social Science** **Lesson: 12** **Topic: Our Villages**

New Words:

1. Independence

2. development

3. qualified

4. Gram Panchayat

5. improvement

6. elected

7. technique

8. dispensaries

9. facilities

10. electrification

Define & Fill in the blanks:

Learn from book.

Answer these questions:

Q1. Why was village life tough in the past?

Ans. Village life was tough in the past because:

1) **The people lived in kutcha houses.**
2) **There were no pucca roads.**
3) **Drinking water was not supplied**
4) **Bullock carts were the only means of transport.**

Q2. What is a Gram Panchayat?

Ans. Gram Panchayat is the local self-government of the village.

Q3. How is a Gram Panchayat formed?

Ans. Gram Panchayat is elected by the members of Gram Sabha.

Q4. Who is a Sarpanch?

Ans. Sarpanch is the head of Gram Panchayat.

Q5. Write any four functions of Gram Panchayat.

Ans. Four functions of Gram Panchayat are:

1) **Supply drinking water**
2) **Set up schools**
3) **Build village roads**
4) **Provide electricity**

<u>Think and Answer</u>:

Q1. Why is it not possible for the state government to look after the welfare of the each village located in the state?

Ans. It is not possible for the state government to look after the welfare of the each village as every village has different needs and each state has a large population.