

## **LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN KENYA**

**1. 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)

**2. 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

**3. 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

**4.(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

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

- County Council
- Area council

1 x 1 = 1 mark

**6.Name the political head of a town council in Kenya**

**(1mk)**

- Chairman / chair person .

**1 x 1 = 1mk**

**7. 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 x 1 = 2 mk)

**8. 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 (5x2=10mks)

**9a) Name three types of local authorities in Kenya (3mks)**

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

***3x1 = 3mks***

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***