

*Questions***Question 1:**

Why did the children go to Yasmin Khala's house?

Solution 1:

Rehana's mother told them that Municipal Corporation takes care for replacement of the lights and Yasmin Khala recently retired from Municipal Corporation so can tell better about the person for the maintenance of the street lights.

Question 2:

List four ways in which the work of the Municipal Corporation affects the life of a city dweller.

Solution 2:

- Disposal of garbage.
- Supply of Electricity.
- Supply of drinking water.
- Maintenance of drainage system.
- Construction and maintenance of roads, parks, street lights etc.

Question 3:

Who is a Municipal Councillor?

Solution 3:

A Municipal Councillor is an elected member of committee of Municipal Corporation.

Question 4:

What did Gangabai do and why?

Solution 4:

Gangabai gathered some women and went to the Ward Councillor shouting some slogans describing the condition of the street.

She did that as there was garbage here and there all over the street and this was attracting mosquitoes, flies, dogs and rats in the locality.

Question 5:

How does the Municipal Corporation earn the money to do its work?

Solution 5:

The Municipal Corporation earns money in the form of different taxes:

- House tax
- Education tax
- Hotel or shop tax
- Movie tax

Question 6:**Discuss**

In the two photographs you see different ways of collecting and disposing garbage.

Photo 1:



Photo 2:



- i) Which way do you think provides safety to the person disposing garbage?
- ii) What are the dangers of collecting garbage in the manner shown **in** the first photograph?
- iii) Why do you think that proper ways of disposing garbage are not available to those who work in municipalities?

Solution 6:

- i) In the 2nd photo the way of disposing garbage is better.
- ii) The persons collecting garbage in the first photo may get infected or may fall ill.
- iii)
 - Lack of funds
 - Careless behavior of the officials

Question 7:

Several poor people in the city work as domestic servants as well as work for the Corporation, keeping the city clean. Yet the slums in which they live are quite filthy. This is because these slums seldom have any water and sanitation facilities. The reason often given by the Municipal Corporation is that the land in which the poor have set up their homes does not belong to them and that slum-dwellers do not pay taxes. However people living in middle class neighbourhoods pay very little in taxes compared to the amount of money the corporation spends on them in setting up parks, street lighting facilities, regular garbage collection etc. Also as you read in this chapter, the property taxes collected by the Municipality makes up only 25-30 per cent of its money. Why do you think it is important that the Corporation should spend more money on slum localities? Why is it important that the Municipal Corporation provide the poor in the city with the same facilities that the rich get?

Solution 7:

- Government should spend money on slum areas as they are also a part of society. If government does not do so it is straight away discrimination of economic basis.
- The people living nearby slum areas give taxes levied on them. Not providing facilities to slum areas affects the life style of the neighbouring societies who give taxes.
- Diseases from the slums can pass to their neighboring societies