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 **Social Studies** 

Local Government in The Bahamas

Family Island Administrators

In the Bahamas, all of the islands except New providence are referred to as "the Family Island". During the early period of settlement, the management of affairs, or ***administration***, on each island was carried out by resident justices. They were responsible to the government's Chief Justice. In 1908 this system changed; the justices on the islands were replaced by *District Commissioners*. Later they were called *Family Island Commissioners*. An Act of Parliament in 1996 brought about the change from Commissioner to *Family Island Administrators*.

1. Which island does not have an Administrator?
   a). Exuma b). New Providence c). Grand Bahama

2. What is the responsibility of Local District Council?
   a) To collect money for the government
   b) To supervise the operations of the post office.
   c) To repair work on all government facilities.

3. How many local /district councils are in the Bahamas?

a) 32 b) 39 c) 40

4. Local government elections are held every _____ years.

a) 5 b) 4 c) 3

5. In what year did an Act of Parliament change the title from Commissioner to Administrator.

a) 1973 b) 1996 c) 1906

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6. What is the title given to the Chief representative who acts as a link between the government and the people on the family island?

a) Family Island Administrator
b) Commissioner of Police
c) Justice of the Peace

Define the following:

7. administration = _____

8. coroner = _____

9. revenue = _____

10. budget = _____

11. Over the years the title of local government leaders have changed. Arrange the titles from the box to show the order in which they were used from 1908 to present day.

Family Island Administrator	**District Commissioner**
Family Island Commissioner	

1st = _____

2nd = _____

3rd = _____

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12. List **two (2)** different responsibilities or duties of the Family Island Administrator.

i. _____

ii. _____

13. Click on the picture below which shows what facility the district council is responsible for.

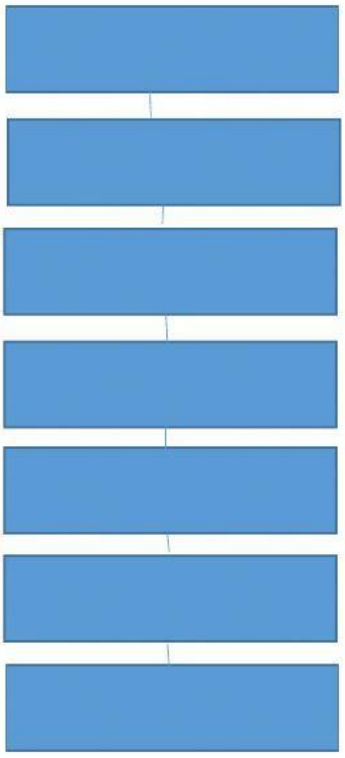






14. Use the words from the box to correctly list the local government structure in The Bahamas.

District Councils	Family Island Administrator	Governor General
Prime Minister	Permanent Secretary	Under Secretary
Minister of Lands & Local Government		



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