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COMPLETION

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Fill in the blank with the term being defined.

_____ 1a. List the two sources of revenue for townships.

_____ 1b.

_____ 2. Number of sections in a typical township

_____ 3. Number of acres in a section

_____ 4. Annual township meetings are held in this month of the year

_____ 5. Total number of North Dakota townships

_____ 6. Number of townships in my county

_____ 7a. List the five North Dakota counties that do not have townships

_____ 7b.

_____ 7c.

_____ 7d.

_____ 7e.

_____ 8. The governing board of a township

_____ 9. County with the most townships

_____ 10. Number of townships at the time of North Dakota statehood

_____ 11. This township official is hired to determine the value of property for tax purposes.

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SELECTIVE ANSWERING

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Circle the numbers of the correct answers in each grouping.

1. General facts about townships include:

   A. Township boundaries tend to follow rivers and natural land features.

   B. Townships were surveyed to be 36 square miles.

   C. All states have townships.

   D. Montana has more townships than any other state.

   E. All North Dakota townships have township governments.

   F. Township governments are required to have meetings of all citizens twice yearly.

2. Under North Dakota law, townships may perform the following duties:

   A. Start a weed control program.

   B. Donate money to the Red Cross or similar charities.

   C. Support an airport.

   D. Levy taxes for roads and bridges.

   E. Set up work program for welfare recipients.

   F. Run a local kindergarten.

3. The officers and duties of township officials include:

   A. A board of 11 commissioners to run the township.

   B. A clerk to keep township records.

   C. A board of three supervisors to run the township.

   D. A comptroller to collect and pay out money.

   E. The governing board members receive $20 per day when working for the township.

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VOCABULARY BUILDING

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Below are a number of terms used in Chapter 10. Look them up in a dictionary to discover their general meaning. Then explain in a few words why they are used in Chapter 10.

TERM	DICTIONARY DEFINITION	WHY USED IN CHAPTER 10?
1. congressional township		
2. township		
3. weather modification		
4. quarter section		
5. noxious weeds		
6. warrants		
7. equalization		
8. irrigable		
9. right-of-way		
10. intergovernmental		

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DISCUSSION AGENDA

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Invite a township supervisor to visit with the class to discuss the powers, procedures, and operation of township government. To put the supervisor at ease, indicate that it will be an "interview" visit and provide the questions in advance.

1. Please describe the boundaries of your township.

2. Who are the present officers and where do they live in the township?

3. How is the selection of officers decided? Are there campaigns?

4. Does your township have an annual business meeting attended by all citizens to conduct business? If so, please describe the last meeting—attendance, procedure, issues discussed, and decisions made.

5. What is the township budget? Explain the sources of money and also the major expenditures in an annual budget.

6. Are there any issues in the township that cause disagreement among people in the township?

7. What would you say are the most important functions performed by township government?

8. Since townships can only do what state law authorizes, do townships have enough flexibility to make the decisions that need to be made?

9. Sometimes, townships contract with other governments for services, such as road maintenance, etc. How much contracting for services is done by the township with private parties or neighboring governments?

10. Are there any relationships between township government and county government?

11. Over half of the local governments in North Dakota are townships, many with very few people. What would be the advantages and disadvantages of consolidating townships into bigger units?

12. What is your feeling about the future of township government in North Dakota?