

**H.P. BOARD OF DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS  
DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR OTHER GAZETTED OFFICERS OF  
HIMACHAL PRADESH SESSION, APRIL, 2008**

**PAPER-3**

**(PANCHAYTI RAJ)**

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours.  
100**

**Maximum Marks:**

**Note:- This paper is divided into 2 (Two) parts.  
Attempt any five questions each question carries equal marks.**

**Part-A**

Q.No.1 a) **When and Why** was the '**Balwant Rai Committee**' set up by the Government of India? What were the recommendations of the '**Balwant Rai Mehta Committee Report**' regarding the Panchayati Raj Institutions/ system in

India?

b) Explain the **set up and working** of the Planning Commission of India.

When

Was the '**Community Development Programme**' started by the Government of India and what were the important features of this programme.

c) What **was/ were** the important recommendation/s of the '**Ashok Mehta Committee Report**' regarding the Panchayati Raj system/ Institutions in India? **( 8 + 6 + 6 = 20**

**Marks)**

Q.No.2 a) What do you understand by the **Constitution of the country?** When did the

Constitution of India **come into existence and when was it started?**

b) Explain the process of the **Passing of the Bill** in the Parliament of India/ Vidhan Sabha of the State of Himachal Pradesh. With reference to the following:-

a) Ordinance

b) Bill

c) Act

d) Article of the Constitution

e) Section and Sub- Section

f) Schedule of the Constitution

**(5 + 15 = 20**

**Marks)**

Q.No.3 Explain the background behind the **Article 243** and the 11<sup>th</sup> (**Eleventh**) Schedule of the Constitution. Explain the important features of the **Articles 243** of the Constitution with reference to the followings:-

a) Gram Sabha

b) Three Tier Panchayati Raj in India with Relaxation to some State.

c) State Election Commission- its role.

d) State Finance Commission – its role.

e) District Planning Committee

- f) Reservation of SC and ST  
g) Reservation to **Women**

(6 + 7x 2= 20

Marks)

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- Q.No.4 Explain the following aspect of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 (amended till date):-
- Give the **total number** of Sections present in the Act.
  - How many **schedules** are in the Panchayati Raj Act and which schedule/s of this act is / are conformity with **the 11th** schedule of the Constitution of India?
  - What are the general functions of the Gram Panchayats as given in the Himachal Pradesh panchayati Raj Act, 1994?
  - What are Powers of the Gram Panchayats as given in the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994?
  - Give the date and year of the commencement/ starting, of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994?

( 5 x 4 = 20

Marks)

### PART-B

- Q.No.1 a) Explain the concept of Watershed Development/ Management with reference To **DDP, DPAP** and **IWDP**. What do you understand by the Hariyali Scheme/  
Programme of the Government of India and how it is different from Watershed Scheme?
- Explain the important features { at least 8 (Eight) } of the **Right to Information Act**.
  - What is the full form of **NREGA** and explain its important features.
  - Explain the process of the selection of IRDP families in the Panchayats in the state of Himachal Pradesh. What do you understand by **APL, BPL** and **Antodaya Parivars**?
  - What do you understand by the term '**Social Audit**'? what important aspects will be dealt with/ covered by the '**Social Audit Team**' under **NREGA/ NREGS**.

(5 x

4 = 20 Marks)

- Q.No.2 a) Explain the '**Block**' as a unit of Administration in the state with special Reference to the working of the following departments in the Block:-
- Rural Development and Panchayati Raj
  - Agriculture
  - Horticulture
  - Education
  - Health
- b) Explain the working of the Panchayat Samitis at the Block level in the State

Of Himachal Pradesh. How many Blocks and Panchayat Samitis are there in the state of Himachal Pradesh (Latest Figure) ( 10 + 10 = 20 Marks)

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**PAPER-4 ( PANCHAYATI RAJ DEPARTMENT )**

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Note:- 1. Attempt any five questions.**

**15. All questions carry equal marks.**

**16. Bare Act and Rules framed herein can be consulted.**

- Q.No. 1 What are the main features of 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1993. Evaluate the progress of empowering Panchayati Raj Institutions since the Enactment of above Constitutional Amendment?
- Q. No.2 What are the functions of Gram Sabhas. What steps have been taken to make The functioning of Gram Sabha effective and transparent?
- Q.No.3 What are the Judicial functions of the Gram Panchayats. Are these performed And give your suggestions to improve the capacity of the Panchayat for Performing these functions?
- Q.No.4 Give detail description regarding the process to bring No Confidence Motion Against a Chairperson and Vice- Chairperson of the Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti?
- Q.No.5 What are the existing sources of income of Panchayat? Discuss in details ways And means whereby PRIs can become financially self sufficient?
- Q.No.6 Who is the authority competent to delimit and reserve the various Constituencies of Panchayats. Do you find any shortcomings in the existing System. Give suggestions for its improvement?
- Q.No.7 Describe the existing system of audit and inspection of the Panchayati Raj Institutions. How this can be made more effective?
- Q.No.8 Write short note on any two of the following:-  
a) National Rural Employment guarantee Scheme (NREGS)

- b) Constitutional Validity to provide 50% reservation to women in PRIs.
- c) Rashtria Nirmal Gram Puraskar.

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**PAPER# 5 COMPUTER ( PANCHAYATI RAJ DEPARTMENT)  
PART- A (Theory)**

**Time Allowed: 1 Hour 30 Minutes**

**Maximum Marks:50**

**Note:- Attempt any five questions.**

I. Answer briefly:-

- i. What is a Desktop?
- ii. What is standby mode?
- iii. How will you start MS- Word application
- iv. What is Windows Explorer?
- v. How will you rename a folder? 10

II. What is Management Information System (MIS)? What are the requirements for Requirements for developing a Departmental MIS? 10

III. Fill in the blanks:

- i A----- is used to view web pages.
- ii.The storage capacity of CDROM is-----
- iii. The device used to send live video over the Internet-----
- iv. ----- is an input device.
- v. -----is a popular search engine. 10

IV What is a laptop (notebook)? How is it different from a conventional PC? Draw a Block diagram of a Computer and write the input/ output devices. 10

V Write short notes on any three of the following:-

Hardware  
CPU  
Software  
Network

Video Conferencing 10

VI What SW are available for computerizing the accounts of Panchayats and which

System of accounting they follow?

10

**OR**

What are the three main activities of your Department which should be Computerized on priority basis? Justify with appropriate reasons.

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