

Board of Departmental Examination Himachal Pradesh
(Other Gazetted Officers (Non-Technical))

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PAPER 3: Rural Development Department

Maximum Marks: 100

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Note: Attempt any 5 Questions. All questions carry equal marks.
Books are allowed.

- I(a) What is the role of Voluntary Agencies in the implementation of Rural Development Schemes? What criteria would you adopt to identify Voluntary Agencies for enlisting help in relation to the Rural Development Programmes?
(10 marks)
- (b) What has been the contribution of Voluntary Agencies in the recent " Cannabis Eradication" and ODF Campaigns in the State?
(10 marks)
- II What is a cooperative Society? What is the procedure for regularisation of a Society under Society Regularisation Act? What factors can be attributed to the failure of the Cooperative Societies?
(20 marks)
- III What are the main objectives and components of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)? How do you differentiate NRLM with the old programme of SGSY?
(20 marks)
- IV What are the actual functions and powers of Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samitis in Himachal Pradesh? Highlight the issues raised regarding their roles and powers in the recent past.
(20 marks)
- V What is the role of Block Development Officer (BDO) in the implementation of Rural Development Schemes ? What challenges and bottlenecks does he face while performing his duty and what suggestions you give to make his role more effective?
(20 marks)
- VI Critically examine the role and effect of Mahatma Gandhi national Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) on employment generation in the State? What additional activities should be included in the scheme to make it more relevant ?
(20 marks)
- VII Write short notes on any four of the following:-
i) Role of Horticulture in the State economy
ii) Social Audit
iii) Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)
iv) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY-G)
v) SECC-2011
vi) Role of Gram Panchayats in poverty alleviation
(5+5+5+5)