

H.P. BOARD OF DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION

Other Gazetted Officers

JUNE 2018

RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

PAPER 4

MAXIMUM MARKS 100

TIME ALLOWED 3 HOURS

Note:

1. Attempt ONE QUESTION Out of Question Number I and II.
2. Attempt ANY FOUR questions out of the remaining questions.

QUESTION NUMBER I

Success of all rural development programmes rests upon how vibrant and participative Gram Sabha is, but most Gram Sabhas are neither participatory nor effective.

What are the reasons for this?

What should be done to make Gram Sabhas more fair, participative, vibrant and effective?

20 (10+10) Marks

QUESTION NUMBER II

What are the challenges that State of Himachal Pradesh faces when it comes to creating and sustaining Rural Livelihoods?

Whether existing programmes related to rural livelihoods fulfill the aspirations of local people or not?

What suggestions do you have to create sustainable livelihoods in Himachal?

20 (5+5+10) Marks

QUESTION NUMBER III

Write a brief note on any **two** of the following:

- i. Importance of Geo Tagging under MGNREGS.
- ii. How to make the role of Up-Pradhan more effective in a Gram Panchayat .
- iii. Changing role of Anganwari Worker in Preventive and Promotive Health.
- iv. Maintenance Strategy for Community Sanitary Complexes.

20 (10+10) Marks

QUESTION NUMBER IV

- i. Do you agree with the view that though Himachal has attained ODF Status, there are still critical gaps that need to be bridged before we can claim "real" ODF status? Support your answer with examples and substantial arguments.

(10 marks)

- ii. What should be done to handle Solid Liquid Waste especially plastic in the Rural Areas of the state? Analyze the current situation and suggest steps to address the problem.

(10 marks)

QUESTION NUMBER V

- i. Absence of proper and meaningful decentralization in Himachal Pradesh has led to a situation where Block Panchayat has become totally redundant and its members are generally frustrated and do not make any meaningful contribution in development of the state, hence they are more of a liability than an asset. Comment.

(10 marks)

- ii. Schemes like MPLAD and VKVN are not only against the spirit of 73rd Constitutional Amendment but have also politicized Gram Panchayats for wrong reasons. Do you agree with the statement or disagree with it. Support your answer with examples.

(10 marks)

QUESTION NUMBER VI

Convergence is the main tool to create sustainable assets under MGNREGA.

What is the status of convergence under MGNREGS in Himachal Pradesh?

What can be done to make convergence better?

20 (10+10) marks

QUESTION NUMBER VII

Write a brief note on any **four** of the following:

- i. DDU GKY
- ii. PMAY
- iii. CAPART
- iv. NABARD

- v. RURBAN CLUSTERS
- vi. VMJS
- vii. SECC
- viii. CLTS Approach

20 (5+5+5+5) marks

QUESTION NUMBER VIII

- i. What is the difference between the powers of a Gram Sabha in Tribal and non-Tribal areas?

10 Marks

- ii. "Women Self Help Groups are the change agents that may be used to transform rural economy in the state of Himachal Pradesh", what is your take on this statement?

10 marks

QUESTION NUMBER IX

Himachal Pradesh is often referred to as a Model State in development for the Hill States of the country. Do you agree with the statement? Elucidate your answer focusing on Health, Education, Pre School Child Care, Water, Electricity, Road Connectivity and Sanitation.

20 marks