

H.P. Departmental Examination, April, 2015
Paper-VII (For HAS)

Planning and Development

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

- Q. 1. The concept of mixed economy with special reference to the socialistic pattern has not delivered the desired results in the Indian Economy. Give your views for and against the statement. (20 marks)
- Q. 2. The Planning Commission was setup in 1950 through a Cabinet resolution of Govt. of India. The same has been replaced by NITI Aayog on 1st January, 2015. What were the strength and weaknesses of the erstwhile Planning Commission? What role is expected from the NITI Aayog? Do you feel that it is a right decision to replace the Planning Commission by NITI Aayog? Please also indicate full form of the NITI (20 marks)
- Q. 3. World Bank has recently observed that Himachal Pradesh is a success story in poverty reduction and has some of the best human development outcomes in India. What are the main reasons of reduction of poverty in H.P.? What further steps should be taken to reduce it further? (20 marks)
- Q. 4. Major part of the population is dependent upon agriculture for their livelihood. Do you think that agriculture requires strong support of the Government? Illustrate the important programmes/initiatives taken by the Central and State Governments in Agriculture & Horticulture to increase production and productivity. What other steps should be taken to improve the productivity of Agriculture & Horticulture in H.P.? (20 marks)
- Q. 5. Despite the achievements made in the field of Health and Education, the sex ratio in some of the districts of Himachal Pradesh is adverse. What are the reasons of adverse sex ratio in H.P. and steps required to be taken to solve this problem at Government and community levels? Explain in details. (20 marks)

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Q. 6. To attract industries on the basis of industrial package may not always be feasible, economically viable and long lasting measure. What type of industrial policy should the Country and State adopt to compete globally? How the 'Make in India' concept may help in the growth of industrialization in India?
(20 marks)

Q. 7. Critically examine the functioning of co-operative institutions in Himachal Pradesh. Suggest measures to improve the functioning of co-operative institutions in H.P. How these institutions may help the State in accelerating economic activities and employment generation in the State?
(20 marks)

Q. 8. Write short notes on any four of the followings:-

- (i) Fiscal Deficit and Revenue Deficit;
- (ii) Economy Measures;
- (iii) Resource Mobilization;
- (iv) Skill Development initiatives to increase employment and employability;
- (v) Decentralized Planning Process in H.P.;
- (vi) Public, Private Partnership.

(5+5+5+5=20 marks)