

H. P. Departmental Examination, October, 2013

Paper – VII (For JAs)

Planning and Development

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

- Q.1. "The planning Process in India has shifted from directive to indicative planning during last four decades in view of increased opening up of the economy". Comment. How the roles of the Planning Commission at the National Level and State Planning Departments/Boards in States have changed in view of the rapid globalization that has taken place in the past ?
- Q.2. How does the role of Planning Commission differ from that of Finance Commission in terms of devolution of funds from Centre to States? Whether Centrally Sponsored Schemes are the right way of resource transfer from the Central Government to States ? Please elaborate.
- Q.3. Discuss any five major challenges the Indian economy is facing currently suggesting measures to mitigate the adverse effects of these.
- Q.4. Why do you think that the contribution of agriculture in total Gross Domestic Product of Himachal Pradesh is very less in comparison to the proportion of population that is dependent on agriculture for earning its livelihoods? Suggest measures to increase the agriculture productivity in the State.
- Q.5. Write short notes on any two :
- i. National Rural Livelihoods Mission
 - ii. The National Food Security Bill, 2013
 - iii. Impact of Global slowdown on Indian Economy
 - iv. Development of Tourism in Himachal Pradesh
- Q.6. Critically examine the process of decentralized planning in Himachal Pradesh discussing various decentralized planning programmes being implemented in the State.
- Q.7. Examine the process of industrialization in Himachal Pradesh. Why do you think the industrial activity has remained confined to the belts bordering the neighbouring States of Punjab, Haryana and Uttarakhand? Give suggestions to increase the growth of industries in other areas of the State also.
- Q.8. "The State Governments need to collaborate with the private investors in providing various services to the general public". Elaborate the statement giving critical opinion on building PPPs in context of Himachal Pradesh.