

HP Board of Departmental Examination  
Departmental Examination for IAS/HAS Officers

April 2013

**Paper 3: Revenue Law and Procedure**

**Time: 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Note:**

1. Attempt any 5 questions. Each question has 20 marks. Parts of the question carry specific marks which are indicated. Keep this in mind while answering the questions.
2. Quote the relevant provision from the Act/Rules/Scheme/Government Order/ Notification/ Manual etc wherever required.
3. Case Law with citations will carry additional marks
4. Bare Acts, Rules, Notifications, Manuals, Schemes, Standing Orders are allowed.

**Question No 1**

- a. What is meant by the term "Demarcation"?
- b. What are the provisions contained in the Act and the HP Land Records Manual with respect to Demarcation?
- c. What are the changes notified in recent years with regard to demarcation?
- d. What will be the impact of these changes?

(Maximum 5 marks for each part)

**Question No 2**

- a. "Mutation does not confer title" discuss the statement.
- b. Land record updation has changed with computerization of land records and with the Amendments carried out in 2011 in the Land Revenue Act. Discuss.

(Maximum 10 marks for each part)

**Question No 3**

- a. What is the procedure to correct revenue entry?
- b. What is the jurisdiction of revenue court and civil court in this matter?
- c. What has been the view of appellate courts in this matter and how does it define the powers of and discretion available to the Revenue Courts?
- d. What is meant by presumption of truth attached to the Record of Rights?

(Maximum 5 marks for each part)

**Question No 4:** Discuss the following in view of The HP Lease Rules (as revised):

- a. Entitlement
- b. Stage wise Procedure
- c. Essentiality Certificate
- d. Rates to be charged

(Maximum 5 marks for each part)

**Question No 5:** Write a Note on the following as per the HP Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1972:

- a. Permissible Area and Surplus Area
- b. Exemptions from Ceiling Limit

(Maximum 10 marks for each part)

**Question No 6:**

- a. What is the process to deal with cases of encroachment on government land u.s. 163 of the HP Land Revenue Act?
- b. What procedure is to be followed by the Revenue Officer if question of title is raised by the encroacher in the proceedings before the Revenue Court?

(Maximum 10 marks for each part)

**Question No 7:** Describe the following terms as per the HP Tenancy and Land Reforms Act, 1972 and Rules made there under:

- a. Occupancy Tenant and Non Occupancy Tenant
- b. Agriculturist
- c. Section 118 and purchase of property by Non-Himachali.
- d. Action that can be taken if there is a violation of Section 118 or Rule 38 A of the Rules made under the Act

(Maximum 5 marks for each part)

**Question No 8:** Write a Note on the following

- a. Revenue Officer
- b. The HP Abolition of Big Landed Estates and Land Reforms Act, 1953

(Maximum 10 marks for each part)