

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR IAS/HAS OFFICERS OF
HIMACHAL PRADESH.

IAS/HAS

OCTOBER, 2013.

Paper: 3 REVENUE LAW AND PROCEDURE

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

Note: i) Attempt any 4 questions

ii) Candidates may carry any Acts, Rules, Orders, Instructions, commentaries, print outs, etc., they may desire. They may also consult relevant websites on internet during the examination.

Question No. 1 Status quo ante as it existed in 2011 has been restored by Government with respect to attestation of mutations. Discuss the merits and demerits of this decision.

Question No.2 Why should partition of land be encouraged? Discuss recent changes in Chapter 14 of HPLRM and give your views on whether these represent an improvement on earlier provisions?

Question No.3 What are major constraints in securing comprehensive information about title in the record of rights? Enumerate and suggest ways to improve the situation?

Question No.4 Settlement operations are meant to improve accurate reflection of the ground level situation. Yet they seem to cause an increase in disputes. What are the reasons? How can we improve the situation?

Question No.5 Who all qualify as agriculturists for purposes of Section 118 of the HP Tenancy and Land Reforms Act, 1972? Are there any grey areas? What are the latest clarifications on the subject?

Question No.6 Are the latest amendments to the HPLRM chapter on demarcation an improvement on earlier provisions? What are the problems being addressed and will the changes improve the situation?

Question No.7 Instructions relating to entries in the Khasra Girdawari need radical changes to ensure up-to-date information on actual land use. Suggest how this can be done without giving rise to malpractices?

Question No.8 What are the most significant exemptions from the ceiling limit on land holdings under the HP Ceiling on Landholdings Act 1972? What is the latest addition passed by the HP Vidhan Sabha and awaiting President assent? What is the controversy arising out of Section 6 A and Section 7 A of the Act?

Question No.9 List the Revenue related Acts under which the SDO (C) is an original or appellate authority. Which Acts generate the maximum workload? Do you think that this situation should be amended in any way to facilitate disposal?
