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Time Allowed: 3 HOURS MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

PAPER-3 **THEORY AND PRACTICE OF CO-OPERATIVE**

(DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATION)

Note:-

1. *Attempt any five questions.*
2. *All questions carry equal marks.*
3. *No Books are allowed.*

Q.No. I: Is it true that Co-operatives constitute the middle path between Public and Private sector in the Indian economy? What are the features which contribute towards the success of a co-operative? Discuss especially in the light of the success of co-operatives like Amul. (20)

Q.No.II: Write notes on the following:-

1. Co-operative leadership
2. Role of Co-operatives in democratic planning

(10×2)

Q.No. III : What are ICDPs? What are their objectives? Can you say that they have been successful in Himachal Pradesh? What are the major constraints in their implementation? (20)

Q. NO. IV: Write notes on the following:

a) Co-operative development under Five-Year Plans

b) Reservation for women in co-operatives (10X2)

Q.No. V: Is it true that Himachal Pradesh has not moved forward with the country as far as reforms in co-operative law are concerned? What reforms do you prescribe for the co-operative sector in the state? Do you think co-operatives in the state need self-regulation and autonomy rather than too much regulation by the Department? (20)

Q.No. VI: 'Co-operative education is a key factor in the success of co-operatives'. Discuss. In what way should agencies like HIMCOFED and District Co-operative Unions re-orient their training programmes to make them more effective and worthwhile? (20)

Q.No.VII: Co-operatives need to diversify and professionalize their activities to meet the new challenges of the Indian economy. Discuss. In what ways should the co -operatives change themselves? What future do you see for the PACS in Himachal Pradesh? (20)

Q.No. VIII: Write short notes on any two of the following:

1. Self-help Groups (SHGs) in Himachal Pradesh.
2. Financial Inclusion
3. Backward and forward linkages in co-operatives (10X2)