

HIMACHAL PRADESH BOARD OF DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS
DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION OF OTHER GAZETTED OFFICERS OF
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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: Discuss the growth and evolution of co-operative movement in India since Independence. (20)

Q.No.II: 'Co-operatives are a balancing factor between public and private Enterprise'. Discuss. Are the co-operatives still relevant in the changing socio- economic scenario in India? (20)

Q.No. III : What are the key similarities and differences between a co-operative and a self-help group? Do you think there has to be greater synergy between them in the context of Himachal Pradesh? How can this be achieved? (20)

Q. NO. IV: 'Lack of a proper co-operative education framework has been the biggest bane of the co-operative sector in Himachal Pradesh'. Discuss this statement analytically. How is co-operative education critical for the success of a co-operative? (20)

Q.No. V: 'Marketing Co-operatives can have a key role in the economy of a predominantly horticulture state like Himachal Pradesh'. Discuss. Why do you think this has not happened? (20)

Q.No. VI: In your opinion, what are the factors which have led to the success of co-operatives in states like Gujarat, Maharashtra and Kerala? Discuss with specific reference to some successful co-operatives in these states. Do you think these factors are lacking in the co-operative movement of Himachal Pradesh? (20)

Q.No.VII: In what ways should the PACS and Co-operative Banks working in the state re-orient their activities to keep pace with the fast-changing banking scenario in the country? Are any such efforts visible? Do you think PACS have a future, especially as thrift & credit organisations? (20)

Q.No. VIII: What is the latest trend in the co-operative sector in the country for ensuring that they are better managed? Is Himachal Pradesh following this trend? What is the way forward? (20)