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DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION OF OTHER GAZETTED OFFICERS/
OFFICIALS (NON- TECHNICAL) OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SESSION MAY- JUNE,
2009**

PAPER-4 (PANCHAYATI RAJ DEPARTMENT)

Time Allowed: 3 Hours.

Maximum Marks: 100

Note:- Attempt any five questions. Each question carries equal marks. Bare Act and Rules Framed here in can be consulted.

- Q.No.1 What are main features of the ‘**Articles 243**’ of the Constitution of India? Evaluate the Progress of empowering the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the state of Himachal Pradesh since the enactment of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act. **(20 marks)**
- Q.No.2 a) Explain the difference between the **Gram Sabha** and the **Up Gram Sabha** as per the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. (Amended till date) **(8 marks)**
b) What are the functions of the Gram Sabha? Explain ‘**Social Audit**’ as a tool to Maintain/ ensure effective and transparent local administration by the Panchayats. **(12 marks)**
- Q.No.3 a) Explain in detail the various offences cognizable by the Gram Panchayats in Himachal Pradesh? Explain the **Schedule-III** of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. **(15 marks)**
b) What is the definition of ‘**Panch**’ as per the Himachal Panchayati Raj Act, 1994? (Amended till date) **(5 marks)**
- Q.No.4 a) What is the process of Registration of **Birth and Death** in the Gram Panchayats in Himachal Pradesh? Who has been designated as the **Local Registrar** of ‘**Birth and Death Registration**’ in the Gram Panchayats? **(10 marks)**
b) What is the Role of the **State Election Commission**? Explain the various ‘**Disqualifications**’ under which a person shall be disqualified for being chosen as and For being an office bearer of a Panchayat as per the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. **(10 marks)**
- Q.No.5 a) What do you mean by the term ‘**Panchayat Fund**’? What are the various sources of Generating financial resources of a Gram Panchayat? Explain the ‘**Account-A** and ‘**Account- B**’ in the maintenance of accounts in the Gram Panchayats. **(12 marks)**
b) What latest amendment/s has/ have been made by the Government of Himachal Pradesh in the **Sub Section-4 of section 99** of Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 (Amended till date)? **(6 marks)**
- Q.No.6 a) Explain the **Schedule –I** and the **Schedule-II** of the Himachal Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 with respect to their corresponding/ related sections. **(10 marks)**
b) Explain the **limits and powers of various competent authorities for technical and Administrative sanction/ approval** for carrying out/ implementing various Developments works by the Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads in Himachal Pradesh as per the appendix-D of Himachal Pradesh panchayati Raj financial Rules, 2002. **(10 marks)**
- Q.No.7 Explain the process of following procedures in the Panchayat Raj system as per the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and Himachal Pradesh General Rules 1997.
a) Oath or affirmation of allegiance by the elected representatives of Panchayati Raj.
b) Inquiry in to the affairs of Panchayats.
c) Suspension of the office bearers of Panchayats.
d) Removal of the Office bearers of Panchayats. **(5 x 4 = 20 marks)**
