

**H.P.BOARD OF DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION
DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION OF OTHER GAZETTED OFFICERS OF
HIMACHAL PRADESH SESSION, APRIL, 2008**

PAPER-III (RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)

Time Allowed:3 Hours.

Maximum Marks:100

Note:- Attempt any FIVE questions

Q.No.1 a) Whether the Gram Panchayat have the powers to impose penalty on a pension

Disobeys an order of the Gram Panchayat to enquire and make report about Misconduct of certain officials? Explain with provisions of Panchayati Raj Act.

b) How much Standing committees are constituted in the Gram Panchayat and what are their duties as per provisions of Panchayati Raj Act 1994? Give your

Comments about the functioning of these Standing Committees. (10 +

10)

Q.No.2 What are the functions of Gram Sabha? Give special reference of Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and also explain the role of Gram Sabha in the implementation Of employment generation schemes. How Gram Sabha can be more effective To ensure transparency and public accountability? (20

Marks)

Q.No.3 The group approach is the best approach for success of poverty alleviation Programme. What procedure is to be followed to assist the group of BPL Families under Swarnjyanti Gram Swarojgar Yojna (SGSY)? (20 Marks)

Q.No.4 a) What are the difference between tied and united funds and how the Panchayat Fund can be spent as per provisions of Panchayati Raj Act/ Rule?

b) What procedure has to be followed before providing the employment/ job under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme? (10 +10

Marks)

Q.No.5 Watershed Development Approach is the best approach for treatment of Wastelands. What are the objectives of Watershed Development

Programmes

And how rain water harvesting is judged important and main activity under Watershed Development? (20

Marks)

Q.No.6 What are the objectives of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA)? What are the difference between NREGA and Sampran

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PAPER-4 (Rural Development Department)

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours.
100**

Maximum Marks:

**Note:- 1- Attempt any five question.
2. All questions carry equal marks.**

- Q.No.1 Planning is the most crucial component of NREGA. Discuss planning process Under the scheme and its impact on Panchayati Raj Institutions. Elaborate the Role of district Planning Committee in this context.
- Q.No.2 Self help groups have been envisaged as a very important tool under SGSY for Providing self employment opportunities, but in practice the group movement And the enthusiasm shown by group members as well as the field functionaries Is limited to receiving of loan and subsidy under the scheme. Critically analyze This statement in view of your experience and give your suggestions regarding Effective backward and forward linkages to make the self help groups more Sustainable and effective in improving the rural economy.
- Q.No.3 In various rural development programmes there is provision for utilizing 3% Funds for the benefit of persons with disabilities which are never utilized in the Prescribed manner. Identify the limitations which make it difficult to Implement the related provision and give your suggestions for effective Utilization of 3 % funds for the disable persons.
- Q.No.4 What are the different components of total sanitation campaign programme? Elaborate the strategy adopted by the state to achieve ODF status in all the Development blocks.

- Q.No.5 Write short notes on following:-
- (a) Various steps involved in the grading of self help groups.
 - (b) Impact of Guru Ravi Dass civic amenities up gradation scheme.
 - (c) Micro watershed.
 - (d) Social Audit.
- Q.No.6 Role of technical staff is the key factor in proper execution of works/ schemes Under various rural development programmes. What are the difficulties being Faced by the BDOs in ensuring proper supervision and timely completion of Developmental works.

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PAPER-5 (RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)

**Time: 3 Hours.
100**

Maximum Marks:

- Note:- 1. Q.No.1 is compulsory. Out of others attempt any four question.
2. Q.No. 1 carries 40 marks and all other questions carry 15 marks each.**

- Q.No.1 Give your comments on the following in about 100 words for each:
- (a) The shortcomings of 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments as seen during Implementation in country.
 - (b) Role of State Election Commission.
 - (c) Decentralization of powers- its pros and cons.
 - (d) Sources of revenue for local bodies under Panchayati Raj System.
- Q.No.2 What are the provisions for Gram Sabha in H.P. Panchayati Raj Act? Are the Provisions adequate for making Gram Sabha effective?
- Q.No.3 What are the type of funds and accounts available with a Gram Panchayat and
What are the powers at various levels to spend money from these accounts?
Are these powers adequate?
- Q.No.4 What are the provisions to ensure discipline amongst Panchayat functionaries?
What can be done to check misuse of funds?
- Q.No.5 Has the Finance Commission given adequate funds to the Panchayati Raj Institutions? Are there any other Government Grants to Panchayati Raj

Institutions? What can be done to ensure that useful assets are created by Panchayati Raj Institutions?

Q.No.6 Has the system of appointing Panchayat Sahayak and Tankniki Sahayak Proved effective? What can be done to ensure that panchayats do not face a Shortage of staff in tackling their day to day work without increasing cost? Give examples from other states.
