

H.P. Departmental Examination, April 2016
Paper-6 (For HAS)
General Administration

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) What are the major differences in organization/structure of departments at Government of India level and the State level.

(b) What is the relationship between the Secretariat and Directorate at the State level? Should we have a single file system between the Secretariat and Directorate to improve efficiency? Please elaborate pros and cons of the single file system.
2. It is said that in Government organizations, Rules are more important than the objective for which they are made. Please elaborate. There is a general complaint of delay and red tap-ism in the govt. departments. What steps should be taken to re-organize the government department and system, so that it is efficient and serve the public purpose?
3. What are the major functional responsibilities of a DC and a SDO (Civil)? How have these responsibilities changed in last two decades? What are your suggestion to improve the working of office of DC and SDO(C) in HP?
4. Himachal is considered to be pioneer in the Land Reforms. What steps have been taken by the State Government in the direction of Land Reform? How have these impacted the economy of the State? What have been the advantages and disadvantages of the Land Reform in the State?
5. Panchayats are the third tier of the Government. However, they can function efficiently if functions, funds and functionaries are devolved to the Panchayats. Please elaborate whether these three Fs have been devolved at Zila Parishad, Panchayat Samiti and Gram Panchayats level in HP or not? What further actions should be taken by the State Government to make the Panchayats, vibrant local government?

6. The NITI Aayog has replaced the Planning Commission. What were the main functions of the erstwhile Planning Commission? Whether it could achieve its goal? What are the proposed functions of the NITI Aayog? What role it could play in the nation building?

7. What are the major tax and non tax revenue of the Central Government and Government of Himachal Pradesh? What have been the major recommendations of the Fourteenth Finance Commission? How has it changed the fiscal relationship between the Centre and State Government? What measures should be taken by the Government of H.P. to improve its tax and non tax revenue collection?

8. Write short notes on the following:
 1. NITI Aayog.
 2. Census 2011 for H.P.
 3. National Food Security Act, 2011.
 4. GST

9. (i) What are the constitutional provisions to protect the interest of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?
(ii) What are the benefits given to these categories in the public employment?
(iii) What are the provisions of 85th Constitutional amendment?
