

Board of Departmental Examination Himachal Pradesh

(Other Gazetted Officers)

April 2016

PAPER 4: Rural Development

Maximum Marks: 100

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Note: Attempt any 5 questions. All questions carry equal marks. Bare Acts and Guidelines can be consulted.

1. What are the main provisions of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005? What role it has played in the empowerment of women, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in the State ?

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2. What are the main provisions of Indira Awas Yojna Guidelines of 2013? What improvements are required to be made in these Guidelines to make them more effective?

10+10

3. How Participatory Identification of Poor (PIP) is done under the National Rural Livelihood Mission? How it is different than the identification of Below Poverty Line Families?

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4. What are the main features of Swachh Bharat Mission? What have been the achievements of the State during the last 5 years under the various sanitation programmes?

10+10

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5. To what extent the Integrated Watershed Management Programme has been successful in the State? What are its main drawbacks?

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6. What do you understand by the concept of empowerment? Is empowerment possible in the conditions existing in the society at present? What alternative can you suggest for eradicating poverty?

10+10

7. Write short notes on two of the following:

- (i) Role of technical staff in the development programmes.
- (ii) Procedure for preparation of shelf of schemes under MGNREGA.
- (iii) Role of NGOs in self help groups.
- (iv) Role of skill development programmes in providing employment.

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