

Board of Departmental Examination Himachal Pradesh

(Other Gazetted Officers)

April 2016

PAPER 5: Rural Development

Maximum Marks: 100

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

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

1. What changes the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment has brought in the Panchayati Raj system of the State? To what extent the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) have been successful in discharging their functions under the above amendment?  
10+10
2. What are the provisions for reservation of seats in the Gram Panchayats as per the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994? What role it has played in empowerment of women in the State?  
10+10
3. What role Gram Panchayats play in the implementation of the various rural development schemes? To what extent they have been successful in discharging this role?  
10+10

-Continued on page 2-

4. Critically examine the role of co-operative institutions in the State? What are the main reasons of decline of their role in the rural areas of the State?

10+10

5. What are the main reasons for wrong selection of beneficiaries under the various programmes by the Gram Panchayats? How the process of selection can be made more transparent?

10+10

6. What is the role of a Panchayat Samiti and a Zila Parishad in the development process? To what extent they have been successful in discharging this role in the State?

10+10

7. Write short notes on two of the following:

- (i) Role and powers of State Election Commission.
- (ii) Procedure for conducting meetings of Gram Sabha.
- (iii) Recommendations of 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission in respect of PRIs.
- (iv) Role of Block Development Officer in Panchayat Samiti.
- (v) Procedure for filing and disposal of election petitions.

10+10