

Board of Departmental Examination Himachal Pradesh

(Other Gazetted Officers)

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PAPER 3: Rural Development

Maximum Marks: 100

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Note: Attempt any 5 questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. What is the concept of Sustainable Rural Livelihoods? Critically discuss what you think will be the likely outcomes of this on rural poverty reduction?
10+10
2. What is the role of NGOs in the empowerment of rural poor? Have they really achieved this objective?
10+10
3. Whether MGNREGS has been successful in increasing employment in the rural areas of the State? What impact it has made on income generation of the women, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes?
10+10
4. What role Rural Development Department has played in successful implementation of the Swachh Bharat Mission in the State? What steps should be taken to make it more effective?
10+10

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5. Why agriculture and horticulture production is stagnating in the State? What role Rural Development Department can play in increasing production?

10+10

6. What is the role of Co-operative Societies in providing rural credit? What steps should be taken to make cheap credit available to the small and marginal farmers?

10+10

7. Write short notes on two of the following:

(i) Role of Block Development Officer in the extension activities.

(ii) Integrated Watershed Management Programme.

(iii) Role of Gram Panchayats in poverty alleviation.

(iv) Role of Animal Husbandry in economic upliftment of rural communities.

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