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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.
Books are allowed.

1. What are the main objectives and components of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)? What difficulties are being experienced in implementing it in the State?
5+5+10
2. To what extent provision of reservation of wards for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) has helped in their empowerment? What impact it has made on the development programmes being implemented by the PRIs.
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3. Critically examine the role and effect of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) on employment generation in the State? What additional activities should be included in it to make it more relevant?
5+5+10
4. What is the role of Development Blocks in Rural Development? What changes are required in their structure to make them more effective?
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5. Critically examine the role of credit in agricultural operations and cottage industries? To what extent Co-operative Societies have been successful in providing credit to these sectors?

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6. What are the objectives and components of the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)? To what extent it has been able to achieve its objectives in the State?

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7. Write short notes on two of the following:

- (i) Role of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).
- (ii) Achievements of Himachal Pradesh in implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission.
- (iii) Objectives of Skill Development Mission.
- (iv) Goal of National Literacy Mission.
- (v) Role of NGOs in rural communities.

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