

H.P. Board of Departmental Examination
Forest Department
Paper-3 (Rules and Acts)
April, 2017

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

- Note: 1. Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.
2. Quote relevant rules, Section of Law wherever applicable.
3. Bare Acts, Rules, Forest Manual, Reference books are allowed.

Q.1. (a) What are the basic features of the Scheduled Tribes (ST) and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFD) (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006?

(b) Discuss the role of Forest Rights Committees and constitution of empowered bodies under Forest Rights Act, 2006.

(c) Discuss the function of *Gram Sabha* under the Forest Rights Act, 2006. (10+5+5)

Q.2. (a) Describe in brief the procedure to be followed for filing in application for diversion of forest land for construction of road project under provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980?

(b) Describe in brief "In-Principle Forest Clearance" and "Final Forest Clearance" under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(c) Discuss Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 and the constitution & functions of the Regional Empowered Committee under the rules?

(d) What is the penalty for contravention of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980? (10+4+3+3)

Q.3. (a) Discuss the salient features of National Forest Policy, 1988.

(b) Discuss the constitution and functions of the Central Zoo Authority under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(c) Discuss the constitution & functions of Biodiversity Management Committees under the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

(d) How does the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 cover the scope left out under the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972? (10+4+3+3)

Q.4. (a) What are the salient features of the National Zoo Policy, 1998?

(b) Discuss the procedure for filing the application under Section 40-A of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the declaration of Wildlife Stock Rules, 2003 for obtaining certificate of ownership of wildlife objects.

(c) Discuss the constitution and duties of State Board for Wildlife under the Wildlife (Protection) amended Act, 2002.

(d) Explain 'People's Biodiversity Register' and purpose of preparing them. (8+4+4+4)

Q.5. (a) "Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013" has replaced the Land Acquisition Act, 1894. List out the main differences between the two acts?

(b) Discuss the role and functions of Compensatory Afforestation and Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).

(c) The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 and objectives of National Green Tribunal. (10+5+5)

Q.6. (a) Explain the provisions of Himachal Pradesh Forest (Timber Distribution to the Right Holders) Rules 2013 and the subsequent amendments with special mention to eligibility, entitlement and procedure for grant of trees.

(b) Explain the provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Forest Produce Transit (Land Routes) Rules, 2013.

(c) What are powers invested with Forest Officers under Section 72 Indian Forest Act, 1927?

(d) Who has the power to compound forest offences under Section 68 of Indian Forest Act, 1927? (8+6+3+3)

Q. 7. Distinguish between

(a) Capital & Revenue Expenditure,

(b) Major & Minor Works,

(c) Fundamental & Supplementary Rules of Accounts,

(d) Cognizable and Non-cognizable Offence,

(e) Conservation Reserve & Community Reserve. (5×4)