

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 Self Help Groups (SHGs)? What is their role in removal of poverty in the rural communities? To what extent they have been successful in achieving this objective? How they can be made more effective?

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2. Briefly describe the powers which have been conferred on the Gram Panchayats under Section 12, 13, 14 and 16 of Chapter-III of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994?

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3. What are the main objectives of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005? To what extent it has been able to fulfill these objectives? What are the reasons for not achieving the target of providing 100 days employment to the rural poor in the State?

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4. What role women play in income generation in the rural areas of the State? What activities can be undertaken by them to earn such income? What difficulties are being experienced by them in getting employment? What steps are required to remove such difficulties?

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5. What are the achievements of the State in implementing the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojan-Gramin? How it is different than the earlier Schemes of providing houses to the rural poor?

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6. What role National Skill Development Mission (NSDM) is playing in skill development in the rural areas of the State? In which fields training is being provided under the Mission? To what extent rural population has benefitted and what more needs to be done for skill upgradation?

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7. Write short notes on two of the following:

(i) Objectives of Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWDP).

(ii) Guidelines of Swatch Bharat Mission.

(iii) Zero Budget Natural Farming.

(iv) Aims of National Rural Livelihood Mission.

(v) Role of Co-operatives in rural micro-credit.

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