

**HP BOARD OF DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION**  
**Other Gazetted Officers**  
**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018**  
**PAPER 4: RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**MAXIMUM MARKS: 100**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**Note:**

1. **Question Number 1 and 2 are compulsory.**
2. Attempt any **Two** Questions out of the Remaining Questions.

**Question Number 1**

*"Jan Manch has proved to be a real paradigm shift in grievance redressal system at the grass roots level in the State", comment on the statement and examine the Guidelines Jan Manch Programme in the light of desired outcomes and impact. (25 Marks)*

**Question Number 2**

- A. A recent study by an Expert Group has highlighted that *"Preference for a Government Job, even if it is on outsourcing basis; Aversion to leave Himachal or the district; Unwillingness to work; High Threshold for Starting Salary; High Attrition Rate and Lack of Communication Skills are some of the reasons that make skilling Himachali Youth a huge challenge."* Comment on the on-going skilling initiatives in Himachal in the background of this statement. What is your assessment of the problem? How to address each issue mentioned above by the Expert Group? **(18 Marks)**
- B. Explain the monitoring framework outlined in the DDU-GKY? **(7 Marks)**

**Question Number 3**

- A. Government of India has embarked upon an ambitious programme to prepare Village Development Plans through GPDP Campaign. Several experts feel that 'one size fits all' approach will not yield results, as has been experienced in the past. Critically examine the GPDP Campaign given varying degree of decentralization across states. Give concrete examples based on case studies and best practices. **(20 Marks)**
- B. Write a Brief Note on Plan Plus. **(5 Marks)**

#### **Question Number 4**

**Write Brief Note on any FIVE (Maximum 100 words each)**

- i. Intensive Blocks under NRLM
- ii. Delayed Payment Monitoring Mechanism under MGNREGS
- iii. ODF Sustainability
- iv. Mukhya Mantri Awas (Repair) Yojna
- v. Women participation under MGNREGS in Himachal
- vi. Single Pit Vs. Twin Pit Toilet
- vii. AYUSHMAN BHARAT
- viii. Mission ANTYODAYA

**25 Marks (5 Marks Each)**

#### **Question Number 5**

Do you agree with the observation that the Self Help Groups have not been able to achieve their desired objective in Himachal when compared with states like Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat? Elucidate your answer with examples.

**25 Marks**

#### **Question Number 6**

Give at least five suggestions to improve service delivery by simplifying rules/procedures/processes etc. in the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Departments. The suggestions should be practical, implementable and with justification.

**25 Marks**

#### **Question Number 7**

A. Do you think that the Gram Panchayats have been able to fulfil their function as Nyaya Panchayat? Give reasons to support your answer. What needs to be done to improve functioning of Gram Panchayats as courts?

**10 Marks**

B. Is there a need to have a separate Technical Wing to implement various programmes at the village level? If yes, what should be its structure? If no, then how to strengthen existing system?

**15 Marks**