

# H.P. BOARD OF DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION

(Other Gazetted Officer)

December, 2018

Paper No. 5

Rural Development Department

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

- Note:
- i) Attempt any five questions.
  - ii) All questions carry equal marks.
  - iii) Bare Act & Rules can be consulted.

- Q. No. I. What are the main provisions of 73<sup>rd</sup> & 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act? How far these Constitutional Amendments have succeeded in strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions in the State of Himachal Pradesh? Discuss briefly. (20 Marks)
- Q.No II. What is Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) and its importance in the present development scenario? How GPDP can be formulated at the Gram Panchayat level? (20 Marks)
- Q.No.III. How Gram Sabha and Up Gram Sabha meetings are convened and conducted as per HP Panchayati Raj Act 1994? Discuss briefly the importance of Gram Sabha in the present context? (20 Marks)
- Q. No. IV. What are the various objectives of registering Cooperative Societies in the State? What roles are these Cooperative Societies playing in development of Rural Sector in the State? (20 Marks)
- Q.No.V. What are the sources of income of Panchayats in the State ? How taxes, fees, cess and fines are collected/levied by the Panchayats? Can Panchayats borrow money? If yes, describe the procedure. (20 Marks)
- Q.No. VI. Elaborate the role of Block Development Officer (BDO) in conducting the Business of Panchayat Samiti and executing various development programmes/ schemes through Gram Panchayats ? (20 Marks)
- Q.No. VII. Write short note on any four of the following:  
a) Procedure for conducting PRI election.  
b) Fourteenth Finance Commission  
c) Panchayat Fund  
d) Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages  
e) Offences cognizable by the Gram Panchayats. (4x5=20 Marks)
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