

H.P. BOARD OF DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION
DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR S.A.D.

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PAPER No.4 - SAD

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

Note:

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Answers can be given in Hindi or English.
3. Books are not allowed.
4. Due credit will be given to logical and original answers.
5. Marks are given at the end of each question.

Q.1. There have been unprecedented rain damages in certain parts of the State especially in hilly, difficult and tribal areas. There has also been a large scale loss of property, human and animal lives.

The State Government has decided to prepare a Memorandum of Damages detailing the rain damages as also loss to human and livestock lives which would be sent to Government of India. In the Memorandum, the Government of India will be urged to sanction a relief of Rs.1000 Crores from the National Calamity Relief Fund. Please prepare the memorandum based on the following assumptions:

- i) People, livestock and area affected;
- ii) Nature of loss to individuals;
- iii) Damage to public infrastructure such as roads, buildings, irrigation schemes/channels, school buildings, machinery etc.
- iv) Funds needed for restoration;
- v) Funds required for maintenance etc;
- vi) Data relating to weather including satellite imageries for the period of damages;
- vii) Photographic evidence including video footage of damaged property, newspapers and electronic media reports in support of the claim;
- viii) Efforts made by the Government so far for restoration of rain damages out of its own funds;
- ix) Any other issue of importance.

(40 Marks)

Q.2 Himachal Road Transport Corporation has been incurring continuous losses each year due to the following reasons:

- i) Ageing fleet of buses which requires regular replenishment;
- ii) Poor maintenance of vehicles due to lack of trained mechanics and spurious spare parts;

- iii) Shortage of drivers and conductors to man the vehicles on the sanctioned routes;
- iv) Sanction of majority of loss making routes by the Government in favour of HRTC from time to time;
- v) Carrying of special category passengers on subsidized rates;
- vi) Non revision of fare periodically;
- vii) Lack of professional experts in the Organisation.
- viii) Non insurance of vehicles resulting in loss in the event of an accident/total loss; and
- ix) Ill equipped workshops.

The management of the HRTC has prepared and sent a detailed proposal to the Government for consideration on the above issues.

The Government of Himachal Pradesh is seriously concerned about the issue and intends to bring the Corporation back to profitable position in a phased manner. It is endeavour of the Government to run the organisation on professional lines and compete with private operators. At the same time, it wants to ensure prompt and essential service to the public without any hindrance.

Please prepare a detailed Cabinet Memorandum for the Council of Ministers based on the above by making assumptions as may be necessary and pertinent to make your point. Also mention whether the proposal has been sent after getting approval of the Board of Directors and contains concrete steps to be taken to revamp the Corporation.

(40 Marks)

Q.3 A Government servant serving your Department for past five years left on casual leave for five days citing ill health of his mother. He extended his leave by one month stating that his mother was still unwell and he needed to attend to her. However, after the expiry of this extended period, he failed to rejoin his duty. He neither handed over charge of his seat nor did he apply for any extension of leave. The work of the charge allotted to him is suffering badly as all the record was lying in his custody. Moreover, this was a case of dereliction of duty and needed to be dealt with in accordance with the Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Assuming that you are the head of the Department and competent authority to take disciplinary action against this official, please draft a show cause notice to the official as per requirement of service rules. The draft should be clear, concise and to the point; at the same time making all relevant points.

(20 Marks)