

H.P. Departmental Examination, ~~October~~ 2019

Paper – 7

NOV - 2019

Planning and Development

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Q.1 Agriculture continues to be the main driver of the rural economy. Do you feel that there is a need for providing structured income support to the farmers in the country and why? What steps have been taken by Govt. of India in this direction? Elaborate the schemes announced by Govt. of India and Himachal Government aiming to double the income of farmers, in last two years?

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Q.2 Give brief account of three sub-plans i.e. Tribal Sub Plan, Schedule Caste Sub Plan and Backward Area Sub Plan of the State Plan, being implemented for the development of various regions and communities in HP. What are the basis of these three sub-plans? Do you agree that these three sub-plans have achieved their objectives or some other mechanism requires to be adopted?

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Q.3 Industrialization and investment in various sectors leads to creation of additional employment opportunities. How can Himachal emerge as the most favoured destination for private investment? Elaborate the steps taken by the State Government in this direction.

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Q4. Critically comment on the Central Government's and State Government's efforts in providing LPG stove and cylinder to every household of the State with specific reference to improving their quality of life.

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Q5. Suggest measures to improve the quality of health services in the State considering that per capita expenditure on health in Himachal is one of the highest in the country.

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Q6. Define EODB (ease of doing business) index and how the rankings are constructed? How can it encourage investment and industrialization in HP? Outline major impact areas and suggest 5 ways to improve EODB ranking of HP.

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Q7. How resorting to Zero Budget Natural Farming operations can help in doubling the farmers' income in Himachal Pradesh? What steps have been announced by the State Government to promote the Zero Budget Natural Farming in the state? Give at least five suggestions to improve its implementation in the State.

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Q8 Write short notes on the following:

1. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna.
2. MUDRA, Start-up India and Stand –up India.
3. Aspirational Districts initiative.
4. MLA Local Area Development scheme.

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