

H. P. Board of Departmental Examinations

Paper 5 Rural Development Department

~~Nov-~~ 2019

Programme Planning and Local Government With Relation to Rural Development

TIME: 3 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

NOTE: Attempt any five questions. Each Question carries 20 marks. Marks of sub-parts are indicated. Bare Acts and Rules are allowed.

Q. No. 1: What are the powers of a Gram Panchayat to impose taxes? Why Panchayats are reluctant to impose taxes? How can Panchayats be encouraged to increase income from own sources?

(6+7+7) 20 Marks

Q. No. 2: Write a note on the following

- State Election Commission
- State Finance Commission

(10+10) 20 Marks

Q. No. 3: Explain the mechanism of different kinds of Audit in local bodies? How Audit Reports are monitored at different levels? What is the role of these? How can the system be made better and more effective?

(6+6+4+4) 20 Marks

Q. No. 4: What is your opinion about direct transfer of funds to the Village Panchayats under the Finance Commission Grants? What are the pros and cons of routing this grant through Block Development Officers? Is leaving Block and District Panchayats out of this grant a good idea?

(10+6+4) 20 Marks

Q. No. 5: What powers have been given to the Village Panchayats to perform judicial and quasi-judicial functions? How are these functions being discharged at present? What should be done to improve the functioning of Village Panchayats in this area?

(10+6+4) 20 Marks

Q. No. 6: Write a Note on any TWO the following

- e-Panchayat System
- Registration of Birth and Death
- Updation of Parivar Register
- Reservation rotation system in the Panchayats

(10x2) 20 Marks

Q. No. 7: What is the law related to filing appeals if someone wants to challenge a Panchayat Election (village/block/district)?

20 Marks

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