

H. P. Board of Departmental Examination

May 2021

Paper No. VII (For HAS)

Planning and Development

Time Allowed: Three hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any five questions. Maximum marks are indicated against each question within parenthesis. No text books or help books are allowed.

- I. Write a detailed note on the transition of Indian development strategies since independence. What changes in it were necessitated in view of increased dependence on the international markets? (15+5)
- II. Critically examine performance of horticulture in Himachal Pradesh since it attained full Statehood. Do you think the strategy to increase horticulture's productivity needs re-orientation? If yes, give at least five suggestions. (14+6)
- III. Critically evaluate current market linkages in agriculture in Himachal Pradesh by listing their strengths and weaknesses. (20)
- IV. The COVID has derailed economies across the world. Elaborate the opportunities this crisis has created in the field of health and wellness as an industry. (20)
- V. Do you agree/disagree with the statement that the industrial development in Himachal Pradesh is confined to few areas only? Support your opinion with facts. Give at least five suggestions to spread industrial development in other parts of the State. (15+5)
- VI. Write for and against the observation – "the recent worldwide incidence of COVID has opened the doors for quick and effective disposal of work and decision making even sitting at home. (10+10)
- VII. Write short notes on any two:
 - a. Cryptocurrency
 - b. 15th Finance Commission's recommendations with special reference to Himachal Pradesh
 - c. Genesis of conferring 'Special Category' status to States (10+10)
- VIII. Give an account of the efforts made by Himachal Pradesh in achieving Sustainable Development Goals. Explain how the State has customized SDG framework in meeting its needs. (10+10)
