

**DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR IAS/HAS OFFICERS OF
HIMACHAL PRADESH**

PAPER -3 **REVENUE LAW AND PROCEDURE**

May 2021

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

- Note**
- (i) Attempt any five questions. Each question carries equal marks.
 - (ii) Quote legal provisions/ case laws in support of your answers.
 - (iii) Bare Acts and Rules can be consulted

Question No. 1

- (i) Explain the objectives underlying HP Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1972 while specifying the institutions/ organizations exempt from the operations of the Act.
- (ii) Give details of the line of succession in relation to Tenancy under HP Tenancy and Land Reforms Act, 1974, and, also explain the exceptions if any, to this?

10+10 marks

Question No. 2

- (i) In tribal areas, the transfer of property is not very easy especially to non-tribals. Comment on this statement while citing relevant provisions of applicable law.
- (ii) Briefly describe the protections provided to widows and minors under HP Tenancy and Land Reforms Act, 1974.

10+10 marks

Question No. 3

- (i) General rules of succession in case of Male and Female Hindus dying intestate as per Hindu Succession Act, 1956

- (ii) Differentiate between the rights of coparceners under old Hindu law and the rights of succession of a female Hindu under Hindu Succession Act.

10+10 marks

Question No. 4

- (i) Describe the procedure for demarcating government land and the authorities competent to do so.
- (ii) Give a brief account of the process involved in preparing the Instrument of partition in case of Khanagi Taqseem, and, entry of the same in revenue record.

10+10 marks

Question No. 5

- (i) Applicability of section 118 of HP Tenancy and Land Reforms Act for Land transfer to a cooperative society which has all Himachali Agriculturists as members.
- (ii) How the contents of Mutation orders would differ in relation to gift, mortgage and decree of a civil court. Explain with examples?

10+10 marks

Question No. 6

- (i) Give a brief account of the Scheme for utilization of area declared surplus and vested in State government under HP Vesting and Utilisation of Surplus area scheme.
- (ii) Applicability of Limitation Act, 1963 to proceedings before Revenue officers?

10+10 marks

Question No.7

- (i) Salient features of Benami Transactions Prohibition Act 1988
- (ii) Name the authorities competent to order vesting of land found to have been purchased Benami, in the government. Can a suit lie for recovery of property held Benami by the real owner?

Question No. 8

- (i) Summary revision of record of rights and the circumstances when it is held.
- (ii) Effect of non-utilization of land acquired after obtaining permission under section 118 of HP Tenancy and Land Reforms Act 1974.
- (iii) Line of succession in relation to a female Hindu dying intestate as per Indian Succession Act.
- (iv) Scope and extent of rights of succession of an adopted son and natural legal heirs in relation to the property of a person dying intestate.
- (v) Specify the natural guardian of a Hindu Minor while explaining the same in the context of step-father or step-mother.
- (vi) Procedure for registering and attestation of mutation in case of a will and checking the authenticity of the same.

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