

**HIMACHAL PRADESH BOARD OF DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS
DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION OF OTHER GAZETTED OFFICERS OF
HIMACHAL PRADESH**

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Time Allowed: 3 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS:100

**PAPER-3 THEORY AND PRACTICE OF CO-OPERATIVE
(DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATION)**

Note:-1. **Attempt any five questions.**

2. All questions carry equal marks.
3. No Books are allowed.

Q.No.I: 'Co-operatives are a balancing factor between public and private enterprise'. Discuss. Do you think Co-operatives are still relevant in the changing socio-economic scenario in India?
(20)

Q.No.II: Do you think the non-emergence of an effective Co-operative leadership has been one of the biggest weaknesses of the Co-operative movement in Himachal Pradesh? Can you suggest some effective tools for emergence of Co-operative leadership and self-reliant character in the Co-operative movement in the State?
(20)

Q.No.III: Is it true that Himachal Pradesh has not moved forward with the country as far as reforms in Co-operative Law are concerned? What reforms do you prescribe for the Co-operative sector in the State? Do you think reforms in line with 97th constitutional amendment will bring about self-regulation and autonomy?
(20)

Q.No.IV: In what ways should the PACS in Himachal Pradesh change themselves to meet the ever-new challenges being faced in the Indian economy? What future do you see for PACS in Himachal Pradesh?
(20)

Q.No.V: "The failure of the Co-operative education agencies in Himachal Pradesh has been the biggest bane of the Co-operative sector in the State? Discuss this statement analytically. How is Co-operative education critical for the success of a Co-operative?
(20)

Q.No.VI: 'In a predominantly horticulture State like Himachal Pradesh, Marketing Co-operatives can play a critical role in getting remunerative prices for the produce especially for small growers'. Discuss. Why do you think this has not happened?
(20)

Q.No.VII: Write short notes on any two of the following:

- (i) Key similarities and differences between a Co-operative and a Self-Help Group.
- (ii) Role of NABARD in Cooperative sector.
- (iii) Financial inclusion and credit inclusion.

(10x2=20)

Q.No.VIII: What are the major objectives of ICDPs? Can you say that they have been successful in Himachal Pradesh? What are the major constraints in their implementation? What changes do you suggest in the present ICDP model which can lead to a greater impact of these projects in our State in future?
(20)

Q.No.IX: Write notes on the following:

- (i) Growth and evolution of Co-operatives in India.
- (ii) Computerization of PACS.

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