

HPF&AS (MAIN) EXAMINATION-2024

PAPER-III: FR, SR AND HIMACHAL PRADESH FINANCIAL RULES (HPFR), 2009

TIME: 03 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 150

Roll No. _____

Notes:

- i) Attempt any five questions in all. At least two (02) questions from each part be attempted and remaining 05th question may be attempted from any part.
- ii) All questions carry equal marks and marks have been indicated against each question.
- iii) Indicate the same Question No. and its parts as assigned in the Question paper, while answering the same, failing which such answer(s) may not be evaluated.
- iv) All the parts of a question should be attempted in sequential order.
- (v) The medium of examination shall be English for this paper.

PART-I

Q. No. 1. What is Foreign Service? Explain the main conditions regulating the transfer of a Government Servant to Foreign Service and also explain about the different kinds of contributions which are payable by the borrowing authority to the lending authority when a Government servant is sent on Foreign Service.

= (30 marks)

Q. No. 2. What are the pros and cons of 'Break in service' and 'Dies-Non'? Explain the circumstance on which the competent authority is required to order 'Break in service' under Fundamental Rule 17-A in respect of an employee. What effect does 'Break in service' have on Pay & Allowances, Increment and Leave entitlements?

= (30 marks)

Q. No. 3 (a). What is 'Subsistence Allowance and how it is calculated? What will be the effect of suspension period on (i) Leave, (ii) Pension and (iii) various kinds of monthly recoveries which were being deducted from his salary before suspension?

= (15 marks)

(b) Define 'Permanent Post', 'Temporary Post' and 'Tenure Post'? Explain in brief the procedure for confirmation of Government servants on a post after first appointment on regular post and after promotion to higher post(s).

= (15 marks)

Q. No. 4 (a). What is the difference between 'Fee' and 'Honorarium'? Explain the circumstances in which a Government Servant can retain the entire amount of fee received by him without special sanction?

= (10 marks)

(b). "No person may be appointed to a post in Government without medical certificate of health". In the light of this statement explain the provisions regarding production of medical certificate on first appointments/ promotions. Also explain about the classes of Government Servants, who are exempted from producing Medical Certificate of fitness on first entry into Government Service.

= (10 marks)

(c). Define 'Time Scale Pay'. Clearly specify the difference between 'Same Time Scale' and 'Identical Time Scale' of pay. Specify the conditions on which service counts for increment in a time scale.

= (10 marks)

PART-II

Q. No. 5. What is the procedure for communication and distribution of grants and appropriations after the Appropriation Bill relating to Budget is passed by State Legislature? Explain the responsibilities of various authorities for the control of expenditure against sanctioned grants and appropriations.

= (30 marks)

Q. No. 6(a). What is the procedure which shall be followed in making public procurement by various departments? How will you ensure transparency, fair competition and elimination of arbitrariness in the procurement process?

= (15 marks)

(b). What are the provisions relating to Contracting out and Outsourcing of services in Himachal Pradesh. How will you proceed to outsource cleanliness services in a department?

= (15 marks)

Q. No. 7(a). What is the General System of Financial Management as envisaged in the Himachal Pradesh Financial Rules, 2009?

= (10 marks)

(b). State the procedure for handling of Cash, recording transactions and maintenance of Accounts.

= (10 marks)

(c). What is the prescribed procedure for declaring the goods as surplus or obsolete or unserviceable and disposing off the same?

= (10 marks)

Q. No. 8. Attempt the following:-

- (i) Define 'Drawing & Disbursing Officer'.
- (ii) How 'Bid Security' is different from 'Performance Security'?
- (iii) What are 'Consolidated Fund' and 'Contingency Fund'?
- (iv) Define 'Book Transfer'.
- (v) Write short note on 'Vote on Account'?
- (vi) What is the difference between 'Administrative Approval' and 'Technical Sanction'?

(6x5=30 marks)

Space for Rough work