

SIKKIM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Main Written Examination for the Post of Co-operative Inspector
and Co-operative Auditor

Subject : Co-operation

Time : 3 hrs.

Maximum Marks : 200

Note : Questions are divided into four sections.

Section - I

1. Objective type questions.
All questions are compulsory (1 mark x 10 = 10)
 - i) When did co-operative movement start in India?
 - a) 25th March 1904
 - b) 15th April 1913
 - c) 2nd October 1969
 - d) 14th November 1920
 - ii) In double entry book keeping system, all transactions to have debit and credit vouchers of :
 - a) equal amount
 - b) unequal amount
 - c) credit greater than debit
 - d) credit less than debit
 - iii) NDDDB stands for :
 - a) National Dividend distribution board.
 - b) North East Dairy Development Board.
 - c) North East Drugs Development Board.
 - d) National Dairy Development Board.
 - iv) NAFED was set up on :
 - a) 2nd October 1958
 - b) 20th August 1962
 - c) 1st June 1950
 - d) 11th July 1981
 - e) None of the above
 - v) "Co-operative Act" means the co-operatives act No.
 - a) 14 of 2007
 - b) 40 of 2007
 - c) 15 of 2005
 - d) 14 of 2005

- vi) A Nominating Committee for the election of co-operative members shall consist of not less than :
- a) 5 members
 - b) 3 members
 - c) 7 members
 - d) 10 members
- vii) Extended form of NEDFI :
- a) National Educational Data Federation Institute
 - b) National Employment Development Finance Limited
 - c) North Eastern Development Finance Corporation
 - d) North East Development Federation of Co-operative movement
- viii) The NABARD came into existence on :
- a) 12th July 1982
 - b) 2nd October 1984
 - c) 14th November 1985
 - d) 20th August 1981
 - e) None of the above
- ix) A Co-operative must hold its first annual general meeting within which period of registration :
- a) 15 months
 - b) 3 months
 - c) 12 months
 - d) 18 months
- x) Co-operative credit societies will have to seek banking license from :
- a) NABARD
 - b) RBI
 - c) State Government
 - d) Central Government

Section - II

2. Short answer type question.

(Answer any twenty)

(5 mark x 20 = 100)

- i) Distinguish between a Co-operative Society and a Society registered under Societies Registration Act.?

- ii) What do you understand by co-operative strategy?
- iii) What are the main activities of NCHF?
- iv) What is share capital?
- v) What do you mean by 'Patronage Dividend'?
- vi) What is meant by Raiffession principles?
- vii) Which year was marked as the International year of co-operatives? Which organization declared such mission?
- viii) Briefly enumerate some of the alternative strategies of co-operative development.
- ix) Enumerate the importance of co-operative banks in strengthening the financial structure of the Indian economy.
- x) Mention briefly the recommendations of the Hazari Committee on the integration of co-operative credit institutions.
- xi) Briefly outline the prevalent structure of the co-operative credit society.
- xii) How the recommendations of the Mirdha Committee helps in drafting a new Co-operative Society Act in India?
- xiii) Explain the role of Apex Co-operative Housing Federations in providing financial assistance to primary housing co-operatives.
- xiv) Write a short note on the Co-operative federalism.
- xv) Outline the functions of a State Level Task Force on Co-operative Urban Banks.
- xvi) What is the procedure for Registration of co-operative Society?
- xvii) Mention the difference between the society with limited liability and unlimited liability?
- xviii) Which are the institutions working for the development of cooperative movement in India?

- xix) Which are the laws that regulate cooperative societies in India?
- xx) State the various financial resources for running the Society?
- xxi) Explain the procedure to amend a Registered Bye-Laws.
- xxii) Enumerate the factors responsible for continued growth of NPA even after the introduction prudential regulations.
- xxiii) Evaluate the policy of increased Inter-Linkages between Urban Co-operative Banks and Commercial Banks
- xxiv) How far National Policy of Co-operatives is successful in revitalizing co-operative movement in India
- xxv) Do you think that co-operative farming is a viable alternative to Capitalist farming in agriculture ? Give reasons in support of your opinion.
- xxvi) Explain the following categories of members
- (a) Associates / Joint Members
 - (b) Sympathizer Members and
 - (c) Nominal Members
- xxvii) "Co-operatives initially emerged in the West as a collective voluntary defense system of weaker section of the community as against their exploitation by the stronger sections" Explain the statement.
- xxviii) What is the documented vision of the following principle of co-operation: "All for one and one for all"?
- xxix) "Mere growth of Co-operation is identical with socialism" explain the basic intuition of the statement.
- xxx) Briefly discuss the differences between a Co-operative society and a company.

Section - III

3. Paragraph Answer type questions.

Answer any six

(Mark 10 x 6 = 60)

- i) Discuss the weakness of the Co-operative movement in India and suggest measures for its improvement.
- ii) "Even though the co-operative societies were originally formed on Raiffession model, but recently there has been certain deviation from the Raiffession principles involving a restricted area of operation, unlimited liability, gratuitous management and permanent undividable reserve fund" Explain the statement.
- iii) Compare the relative performance of co-operative banks and regional rural banks in financing IRDP scheme.
- iv) Critically examine the role of Co-operative banks in priority sector lending policy of the government.
- v) Write a short essay on the regional variation in the progress of co-operative movement specially after independence across Indian States.
- vi) "To improve the operational efficiency, loan administration and scale of activity of primary credit societies as well as of the central co-operative banks, RBI has greater role to play in the management of the co-operative credit societies" Explain the statement.
- vii) Critically evaluate the effectiveness of National Policy of Cooperatives in revitalizing cooperative movement in India.
- viii) Assess the effectiveness of Market Intervention Scheme as implemented by DAC.

Section - IV

4. Long answer type questions.

Answer any two

(Mark 15 x 2 = 30)

- i) Discuss briefly the ongoing debate on the integration of short term and long term cooperative credit structures. What is your comment in this light of the debate?
- ii) Write an essay on the theme of 'Cooperation as a form of business organization'.
- iii) Critically evaluate the progress of cooperative movement under five year plan.
- iv) Write an essay on the constitution, objectives and functions of Non-Credit Cooperatives in India.