

# MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS OF LOWER DIVISION CLERK FOR PROMOTION TO UPPER DIVISION CLERK UNDER VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. OCTOBER, 2019

### PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100 PM : 35

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

1. Write an essay on **any 1(one)** of the given topics: **(30)**

- Religion vs Politics. Discuss with special reference to Mizoram.
- It is only the Government that can bring about significant changes in society, not the individual. Do you agree? Give your views.
- Does using mobile phones make people more or less connected? Discuss and state your opinion.

2. Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: **(15)**

What is the purpose of poetry in modern life? Let us begin by saying what it is not. Obviously, the purpose is not ethical. The poet does not desire to improve the morals of its readers.

The danger of poetry becoming a kind of after-dinner amusement is far greater than the danger of its reverting to a method of moral instruction. Literature today is too cheap. Poetry tends to become a sort of pleasant little hobby, something which 'nice people' play with when there is nothing more amusing to do. People's minds are absorbed in commerce and politics. Literature has lost its prestige. Literature seems out of touch with men's lives, their real interests. And so in their forms, books are something people read to amuse themselves, to beguile a tedious journey, or to pass the long unemployed Sunday afternoon. Knowledge of modern literature, even in its more intellectual forms, and especially poetry, is an accomplishment, not a passion, and entertainment for idle women, not a real force.

Nobody would think of becoming emotional over the possession of a mere book, an object to amuse a few leisure hours. I do not suppose many read modern poetry for more amusement, but even here the motive is not so much a purely aesthetic enjoyment as a sort of snobbery, an outcome of either the foolish desire to know the latest fashion in poets or of that affection of superior wisdom which claims a monopoly of culture.

3. Make sentences using the given idioms and phrases: **(5×1=5)**

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| (i) go cold turkey          | (ii) bad hair day        |
| (iii) burn the midnight oil | (iv) out of the question |
| (v) in the long run         |                          |

4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate article: (5×1=5)

- (i) Who is \_\_\_\_\_ oldest person in your family?
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ apple a day keeps the doctor away.
- (iii) I first met her \_\_\_\_\_ year ago.
- (iv) His boss told him, “You are \_\_\_\_\_ asset to the Department.”
- (v) Let’s give him \_\_\_\_\_ good news now.

5. Rewrite the sentences as directed: (5×1=5)

- (i) “Don’t be late again,” the boss warned Mawia. (Convert into indirect speech)
- (ii) I don’t fancy \_\_\_\_\_ out tonight (go). (Complete the sentence using the correct form of ‘go’)
- (iii) They went to the protest. (Change into interrogative)
- (iv) Mawia changed the flat tyre. (Change into passive voice)
- (v) This is my sister. Her name is Ramsangi. (Combine the sentences into Simple Sentence)

6. As Secretary, Finance Department, draft an Office Memorandum to all Heads of Department impressing upon them the need for strict adherence to economy measures in their respective departments regarding judicious usage of office stationery, equipment etc. (20)

7. Translate the sentences into English: (10)

- (i) Thanga hi pa taima tak a ni.
- (ii) Director chuan “Tumah office hun chhungin office chhuahsan loh tur’ a ti a.
- (iii) Vawiin chu ruah a sur dawn anih hmeh.
- (iv) Engtik ah nge ka hmuh leh theih ang che?
- (v) Ka lo tlai dawn tih khawngaihinh Superintendent kha min lo hrilh sak.

8. Translate the following passage into Mizo: (10)

Dolphins are regarded as the friendliest creatures in the sea and stories of them helping drowning sailors have been common since Roman times. The more we learn about dolphins, the more we realize that their society is more complex than people previously imagined. They look after other dolphins when they are ill, care for pregnant mothers and protect the weakest in the community, as we do. Some scientists have suggested that dolphins have a language but it is much more probable that they communicate with each other without needing words. Could these mammals be more intelligent than man?