

# MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## TECHNICAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF GRADE-III OF MIZORAM HEALTH SERVICE (GDMO SUB-CADRE), (DENTAL SURGEON SUB-CADRE) UNDER HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. OCTOBER, 2022

### GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.  
Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay choosing one of the topics given below: (20)
- Medical Tourism: A New Trend in Tourism
  - Moral and Ethics of Public Servants
  - Students and Politics

2. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

An educated man should know what is first-rate in those activities which spring from creative and intellectual faculties of human nature, such as literature, art, architecture and music. I should like to add science and philosophy but in these two subjects it is difficult for any but the expert to estimate quality, and many educated people have not the close knowledge necessary to judge their real worth. On the other hand everyone has close and daily contact with the other four. Architecture surrounds him in every city, literature meets him on every book-stall, music assails his ears on his radio set and from every juke-box; and art in its protean aspects of form and colour is a part of daily life. The architecture may often be bad, the literature and music often puerile, the art often undeserving of the name; but that is all the more reason why we should be able in all of them, to distinguish good from bad.

To judge by the literature offered us in hotel book-stands; and by most of the music played on the radio and by juke-boxes we might be more discriminating in these fields than we are. If it be said that music and art and literature are not essentials of life but its frills. I would reply that if so, it is curious that they are among the few immortal things in the world, and that should a man wish to be remembered two thousand years hence, the only certain way is to write a great poem or book. Compose a great sculpture, or build a great building.

- (a) What is necessary for an educated person to know? (3)
- (b) Why does the author exclude science and philosophy from it? (3)
- (c) What makes it practically easy for an educated man to be able to know literature, art, architecture and music? (3)
- (d) How does exposure to ordinary literature and music help us? (3)
- (e) What is the author's argument to prove that music, art and literature are essentials of life? (3)
- (f) Find words in the passage which are similar in meaning to the words given below: (5×1=5)
  - (i) Innovative (ii) Obligatory
  - (iii) Bombard (iv) Immature
  - (v) Discriminate

3. Make a precis of the given passage in about one-third of its original length. Supply a suitable title.

(20)

It is time we looked at the latent cause. Where does the strength of India lie? Not in number, not necessarily in our moral stands on international issues. In modern times, the strength of a Nation lies in its achievements in science and technology. This is not to say that other fields do not count.

In the five decade after independence, we have yet to demonstrate our originality in applied science and technology. Though Japan also started like us, by cultivating the technology of the west, the Japanese adapted, improved and displayed originality in several areas of science and technology. The generation which is at the helm of affairs in science and technology in our country after independence, mostly consisted of self-seekers. By and large, with a few exceptions, the science and technology managers in India concentrated in gaining power and influence. They loved publicity. Most of them stopped doing science while they managed science. Things would have been better had they been humble enough to acknowledge the difference between doing and managing science. Instead, they claimed they were the foremost in science and technology, simply because they were at the helm of affairs. As a result, they ceased to inspire the younger lot. India continues to be a borrower of science and technology, even though its potential for originality is substantial.

Our achievements in nuclear science and technology may be dazzling to our people. But, in worth and originality they are ordinary and routine. While our own people remain ignorant, the people of other countries know all about the pretensions to knowledge of our nuclear science and technology managers. One subtle way of sabotaging our nuclear goals is to help hollow persons reach and remain at the helm of affairs. International bodies come in as handy tools in that subtle process. The veil of secrecy effectively protects the mismanagement in our nuclear establishments. The talk of national security comes as an easy weapon to prevent any probe into mismanagement. On nuclear matters, the media in our country, by and large, avoid the investigative approach. As a result, the mismatch between promise and performance in the nuclear field does not get exposed as much as the mismanagement in other fields.

4. Correct the following sentences.

(10×1=10)

- (a) I suggest you to apply for it.
- (b) We discussed about the matter yesterday.
- (c) I have ordered for three cups of tea.
- (d) She told she wouldn't come
- (e) Suresh told to me about it
- (f) I cannot by no means allow you to do so
- (g) Don't quarrel on trifles with your friends
- (h) His knowledge of Indian vernaculars are far beyond the common.
- (i) In him was centered their love and their ambition
- (j) we should always listen at the advice of our well wishers.

5. Choose the correct meaning of the idioms which are underlined in the sentence: (10×1=10)

- (a) We should guard against our green-eyed friends.  
(i) rich (ii) jealous  
(iii) handsome (iv) hypocritical
- (b) Komal was left high and dry by her friends when she lost all her wealth  
(i) abandoned (ii) lifeless  
(iii) wounded (iv) depressed
- (c) If you pass this difficult examination, it will be a feather in your cap.  
(i) a good job (ii) additional achievement  
(iii) a warm cap (iv) a scholarship
- (d) Dowry is a burning question of the day  
(i) a dying issue (ii) a burnt-out problem  
(iii) a widely debated issue (iv) an irrelevant issue
- (e) You cannot have your cake and eat it too  
(i) enjoy forever (ii) have it both ways  
(iii) eat uncontrollably (iv) absolve yourself
- (f) He is accused of sitting on the fence  
(i) Confused (ii) sitting idly  
(iii) hesitating between two options (iv) observe the scene
- (g) The authorities took him to task for negligence  
(i) Forced to resign (ii) suspended work  
(iii) reprimanded him (iv) gave additional work
- (h) It was such a strange affair that I could not make head or tail of it.  
(i) Face it (ii) tolerate it  
(iii) remember it (iv) understand it
- (i) I did know that he was pulling my leg all the time.  
(i) Befooling me (ii) degrading me  
(iii) defaming me (iv) complimenting me
- (j) With the existing management, the future of the company is in doldrums.  
(i) dull (ii) secure  
(iii) uncertain (iv) bright

6. Make sentences with the following pair of words to show their differences: (5×2=10)

- (a) Vocation ; Vacation  
(b) Principle ; Principal  
(c) Bail ; Bale  
(d) council ; council  
(e) Ceiling ; sealing

7. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable words:

(10×1=10)

- (a) The volcanic \_\_\_\_\_ was the cause of great devastation  
(i) outburst (ii) eruption  
(iii) erosion (iv) movement
- (b) As a result of \_\_\_\_\_ many unsuitable candidates were selected for the posts.  
(i) tolerance (ii) favouritism  
(iii) humility (iv) weakness
- (c) Although they are not rich they always wear \_\_\_\_\_ clothes  
(i) respectable (ii) respective  
(iii) respected (iv) responsible
- (d) Several of our players were injured so our losing the match was almost \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) necessary (ii) indispensable  
(iii) inevitable (iv) inexcusable
- (e) My friend upset a kettle of boiling water and \_\_\_\_\_ he right hand badly  
(i) Razed (ii) sizzled  
(iii) scorched (iv) scalded
- (f) If you drink too much alcohol, it will \_\_\_\_\_ your judgement.  
(i) instill (ii) impair  
(iii) impose (iv) impel
- (g) The soldiers were instructed to \_\_\_\_\_ restraint and handle the situation peacefully.  
(i) exercise (ii) control  
(iii) prevent (iv) enforce
- (h) The managing Director treated the employees to a \_\_\_\_\_ lunch at an expensive hotel.  
(i) precious (ii) thriving  
(iii) stupendous (iv) sumptuous
- (i) If greater security measures had been taken the tragedy might have been \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) removed (ii) repeated  
(iii) restrained (iv) averted
- (j) There was a serious \_\_\_\_\_ between the two brothers.  
(i) altercation (ii) alteration  
(iii) aberration (iv) alternative

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