

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
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**PAPER – I**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100 PM : 40

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

*Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay on *any one* of the topics : **(20)**

- Hazards of Water Pollution
- Power of the Press
- Politics without Ethics

2. Write a précis of the following passage in about a third of its length : **(15)**

Real praise, the sincere compliment is probably the most useful tool of all. It's the valued gold coin of our conversation. Yet today, it is in danger of losing its brightness. For it is greatly misused and not properly exchanged.

What is a true compliment? It's one that benefits both giver and receiver. Once a painter and his assistant were painting our house. The older man was wearing shiny new shoes. As the man started skillfully painting, my father-in-law said to the boy, "Son, when you can show up on the job to paint a house, wearing new shoes, you will be the master of your trade." The painter smiled and did the best job.

We all like to have our sense of personal worth built up or pointed out. And when one expert adds to another's sense of dignity and speaks favourably of his skill, he is offering a compliment of the highest and rarest kind.

A compliment differs from a flattery in that it is objective and given without thought of gain. Flattery is often merely lip service or excessive praise given for motives other than expressed.

The greatest effort of the human race have often resulted from the love of praise. This should be inspired in childhood. The wise parent makes it a point to compliment a child who deserves it. A woman I know has a 12 year old son who considers washing dishes for mother a great honour. One night, while washing a large dish, it slipped and crashed on the floor. Then his mother said, "You know, Robert, of all the times you have washed the dishes for me, this is the first time you drooped one." Anxiety left the boy's face and he smiled. As one psychologist advises, "Praise virtue and you will find few vices to criticise."

There is an art in this giving of compliment. Thus the good compliment is always to the point and timing is important. Don't wait too long to tell a person what a good talk he gave or how well you cut your grass. But don't do it immediately when he is expecting it either. Wait. Then when he thinks you may have forgotten, pass the praise.

Confidence, it has been said, is the greatest gift that one human can give to another. But that does not mean we should be wasteful with our compliments. Rather we should count them carefully remembering that a good compliment has greater purchasing power than money, that no one is too busy or successful to receive a word of praise.

3. Draft a letter on behalf of the Director-General, Mizoram Police to all Heads of PHQs for reducing at least 30% consumption of petrol on all staff cars under them in view of the need to conserve petrol.

**(15)**

4. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom/phrase :

**(10×1=10)**

- (a) The main culprit is a gentleman at large.
  - i) a man without a job
  - ii) a man who is famous
  - iii) a man in the crowd
  - iv) a man who runs about
- (b) I threatened to show him up if he did not mend his ways.
  - i) to follow him
  - ii) to arrest him
  - iii) to make his identity public
  - iv) to disclose his villainy
- (c) The witness's statements should be taken with a grain of salt.
  - i) taken as a joke
  - ii) should be trusted
  - iii) should be doubted
  - iv) should be taken as a remark
- (d) They regarded him as a broken reed.
  - i) dishonest
  - ii) unreliable
  - iii) trustworthy
  - iv) thin
- (e) The interview is just an eye-wash.
  - i) formality
  - ii) very easy
  - iii) simple
  - iv) pretence
- (f) You must interrogate him with a high hand.
  - i) oppressively
  - ii) sympathetically
  - iii) kindly
  - iv) use force
- (g) He was in doldrums after the quarrel with his brother.
  - i) angry
  - ii) in low spirits
  - iii) jubilant
  - iv) keep to himself
- (h) His dealings are all above board.
  - i) excellent
  - ii) friendly
  - iii) open
  - iv) decent.
- (i) It is evident from the Minister's statement that heads will roll.
  - i) transfers will take place
  - ii) there will be war
  - iii) people will die
  - iv) dismissals will occur
- (j) When I watch him closely I can see a chip of the old block.
  - i) traits of a stubborn man
  - ii) an old soul
  - iii) a hidden anger
  - iv) characteristics of one's ancestors

5. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate Preposition given below each statement;

**(8×1=8)**

- (a) Please give an example pertinent \_\_\_\_\_ the case.
  - i) with
  - ii) to
  - iii) on
  - iv) for
- (b) The reward was not commensurate \_\_\_\_\_ the work done by us.
  - i) with
  - ii) by
  - iii) on
  - iv) for
- (c) They enter \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy's camp.
  - i) over
  - ii) at
  - iii) into
  - iv) for

- (d) We have the habit of exulting \_\_\_\_\_ the discomfiture of our rivals.  
i) over ii) at  
iii) for iv) to
- (e) He is a cosmopolitan and tolerant \_\_\_\_\_ the religious views of others.  
i) at ii) of  
iii) on iv) to
- (f) Liquor is not the best means to gain respite \_\_\_\_\_ sufferings in life.  
i) from ii) to  
iii) of iv) over
- (g) He was in a hurry and just glanced \_\_\_\_\_ the letter.  
i) at ii) over  
iii) by iv) through
- (h) The capseller rested \_\_\_\_\_ a shady tree.  
i) above ii) behind  
iii) before iv) beneath

6. Complete the sentences with suitable alternatives give below:

(7×1=7)

- (a) In a week's time, I \_\_\_\_\_ my work.  
i) will complete ii) will have completed  
iii) will be completed iv) have completed
- (b) Since she started the work, she \_\_\_\_\_ sick.  
i) has been feeling ii) was sick  
iii) is feeling sick iv) has felt sick.
- (c) While \_\_\_\_\_, the lights went out.  
i) he had dinner ii) he has dinner  
iii) he was having dinner iv) he had been eating dinner
- (d) She \_\_\_\_\_ to see me on Sundays.  
i) often came ii) often comes  
iii) is often coming iv) has often come
- (e) There are no taxis because the drivers \_\_\_\_\_ on strike for awhile now.  
i) went ii) are going on  
iii) is often coming iv) have gone
- (f) The doctor realised that he \_\_\_\_\_ by a snake.  
i) was bitten ii) has been bitten  
iii) has bitten iv) had been bitten
- (g) Don't worry since she \_\_\_\_\_ her breakfast.  
i) has just had ii) was having  
iii) just had iv) has just been having

7. Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given sentences/words :

(5×1=5)

- (a) Governed by a sense of duty  
i) Conscious ii) Sensible  
iii) Conscientious iv) Intelligent
- (b) Person who files a suit  
i) Suitor ii) Accused  
iii) Charger iv) Plaintiff

- (c) One who is always doubting  
i) Sceptic  
ii) Rationalist  
iii) Passivist  
iv) Ironic
- (d) Take great pleasure in  
i) Satisfied  
ii) Revel  
iii) Excited  
iv) Enjoy
- (e) A person who is well-known in an unfavourable way  
i) Legend  
ii) Conspicuous  
iii) Notorious  
iv) Parvenu

8. Choose the word which is **opposite** in meaning to the given word in the sentence : (5×1=5)

- (a) There are no permanent adversaries in politics.  
i) associates  
ii) allies  
iii) collaborators  
iv) enemies
- (b) He finally conceded that he was involved in smuggling.  
i) admitted  
ii) accepted  
iii) denied  
iv) concealed
- (c) All these measures will augment employment.  
i) diminish  
ii) circumscribed  
iii) uniform  
iv) elevate
- (d) The man manifested his greed at the sight of a huge amount of money.  
i) suppressed  
ii) marked  
iii) displayed  
iv) concealed
- (e) I was deeply affected by his urbane behaviour.  
i) rural  
ii) indifferent  
iii) rude  
iv) unsympathetic

9. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same meaning in Direct / Indirect Speech : (5×1=5)

- (a) "Could I use your phone?", he said.  
i) He asked if he can use my phone  
ii) He asked me to let him use my phone  
iii) He asked me whether he could use my phone  
iv) He asked if he could use my phone
- (b) He said, "Do you know who killed him?"  
i) He asked me if I know who killed him.  
ii) He asked me if I knew who had killed him.  
iii) He asked me if I knew who killed him.  
iv) He asked me whether I know who killed him.
- (c) "What a terrible storm it is!" he said.  
i) He exclaimed that it was a terrible storm.  
ii) He exclaimed that the storm is terrible.  
iii) He said that it is a terrible storm.  
iv) He said it was a terrible storm.

- (d) The guy said, "Sir, may I go home?"  
i) The guy asked to go home.  
ii) The guy asked if he may go home.  
iii) The guy asked if he can go home.  
iv) The guy asked whether he could go home.
- (e) Mary said, "I saw the photograph."  
i) Mary said that the photograph was seen by her.  
ii) Mary said she has seen the photograph.  
iii) Mary said that she had seen the photograph.  
iv) Mary said she saw the photograph.

10. Analyse the following sentences and choose the correct answer from the alternatives given :

(5×1=5)

- (a) Only he is responsible for my failure in life.  
i) Assertive Sentence  
ii) Negative Sentence  
iii) Optative Sentence  
iv) Affirmative Sentence
- (b) Nobody can forget their sacrifice.  
i) Assertive Sentence  
ii) Negative Sentence  
iii) Affirmative Sentence  
iv) Comparative Sentence
- (c) Do you know the reason of his failure?  
i) Complex Sentence  
ii) Simple Sentence  
iii) Negative Sentence  
iv) Compound Sentence
- (d) I have long suspected him to be a thief.  
i) Complex Sentence  
ii) Simple Sentence  
iii) Compound Sentence  
iv) Comparative Sentence
- (e) I wish I could see her now.  
i) Affirmative Sentence  
ii) Optative Sentence  
iii) Assertive Sentence  
iv) Exclamatory Sentence

11. Select the **synonym** of the word given from the alternatives given below :

(5×1=5)

- (a) Extol  
i) steal  
ii) praise  
iii) exterior  
iv) excess
- (b) Slipshod  
i) vulgar  
ii) commonplace  
iii) careless  
iv) retaliatory
- (c) Pillage  
i) pierce  
ii) redness  
iii) restore  
iv) ransack
- (d) Sputter  
i) spit out  
ii) anger  
iii) control  
iv) expect
- (e) Leeway  
i) long road  
ii) freedom  
iii) ropeway  
iv) bridge