

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR INSPECTOR**  
**UNDER EXCISE & NARCOTICS DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM**  
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**PAPER – I**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100 PM : 40

**SECTION - A**  
**(50 Marks)**

*This Section should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.*

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

*Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay on any one of the given topics : (20)
- Social Problems Related to Alcohol and Drugs
  - Effects of Social Media on Teen Mental Health
  - Human Rights Violation in Conflict Zones

2. Write a précis of the following passage : (15)

The reformer must know that what moves people is the authentic life, not mere writing. The newspaper and journals that Lokmanya Tilak and other reformers ran, the books they wrote, sold little, but had enormous effect. Their writing was known to reflect and be just an extension of their exemplary lives. It was the authenticity of their lives which lent weight to their message, to their example. All knew that their lives were an integral whole - they were not moral in public life and lax in private, nor vice versa. They were not full of pious thoughts and sacred resolutions within the walls of a temple.

A writer who is merely entertaining his readers, even one who is merely informing them, can do what he wants with the rest of his life. But the writer, who sets out to use his pen to reform public life, cannot afford such dualities. Here is the testimony of one great man - about the influence of another, Lokmanya Tilak.

I believe that an editor who has anything worth saying and who commands a clientele cannot be easily hushed. He delivered his finished message as soon as he is put under duress. The Lokmanya spoke more eloquently from the Mandalay fortress than through columns of the printed Kesari.

His influence was multiplied thousand fold by his imprisonment and his speech and his pen had acquired much greater power after he was discharged than before his imprisonment. By his death we have been editing his paper without pen and speech through the sacred resolution of the people to realize his life's dream.

He could possibly have done more if he were today in the flesh preaching his view. Critics like me would perhaps be still finding fault in the expression of his or that. Today his message rules millions of hearts which are determined to raise a permanent living memorial by the fulfilment of his ambition in their lives.

3. The Police Department is spending a huge amount on the reimbursement of medical bills of its employees. In many cases, the claims are bogus. Prepare the draft of an Office Memorandum from the Police Directorate giving detailed instructions to all Police Stations etc under what circumstances they should not pass the bills. (15)

**SECTION - B**  
**(50 Marks)**

*All questions carry equal marks of 1 each. Attempt all questions.  
This Section should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet provided.*

**Directions (Question Nos. 1 - 8) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate Preposition given below each sentence:**

1. I have great antipathy \_\_\_\_\_ wine.  
(a) on (b) to  
(c) for (d) with
2. Quinine is an effective antidote \_\_\_\_\_ Malaria.  
(a) against (b) to  
(c) for (d) on
3. The Minister dwelt \_\_\_\_\_ the need of discipline.  
(a) with (b) for  
(c) upon (d) of
4. The smugglers had decamped \_\_\_\_\_ the loot before the police arrived.  
(a) from (b) on  
(c) of (d) with
5. I inquired \_\_\_\_\_ him the name of the boss.  
(a) into (b) of  
(c) after (d) with
6. He revenged himself \_\_\_\_\_ his enemy for the murder of his father.  
(a) in (b) to  
(c) against (d) on
7. Those found remiss \_\_\_\_\_ duty will be punished.  
(a) in (b) with  
(c) on (d) to
8. The problem of communal harmony cannot be glossed \_\_\_\_\_ by the Gov't.  
(a) over (b) off  
(c) upon (d) about

**Directions (Question Nos. 9 - 16) : Complete the sentences with suitable alternatives given below:**

9. I \_\_\_\_\_ the Book of the Year these days.  
(a) read (b) will read  
(c) am reading (d) will be reading
10. Since I joined the post, I \_\_\_\_\_ any money.  
(a) did not take (b) have not taken  
(c) am not taking (d) do not take
11. Since he cannot swim, I'm sure he would have been drowned if he \_\_\_\_\_ overboard.  
(a) fell (b) has fallen  
(c) had fallen (d) falls

12. By next week, I \_\_\_\_\_ off all my loans.  
(a) will pay (b) will paid  
(c) will be paying (d) will have paid
13. My daughter never \_\_\_\_\_ to me so I never know what she is doing.  
(a) wrote (b) writes  
(c) written (d) write
14. She gave me a book that I \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time.  
(a) had been wanting (b) have wanted  
(c) wanted (d) had wanted
15. The Church \_\_\_\_\_ overlooking the sea.  
(a) stands (b) stood  
(c) is standing (d) was standing
16. I found out that my pocket \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a) is picked (b) was picked  
(c) has been picked (d) had been picked

**Directions (Question Nos. 17 - 22) : Identify the word that gives the nearest meaning of the underlined words in the following sentences:**

17. The Deputy Inspector General made a perfunctory inspection of the police station.  
(a) thorough and complete (b) intensive  
(c) as a routine without interest (d) superficial
18. It is best not to make any flippant remark in any situation.  
(a) highly critical (b) indifferent  
(c) casual (d) not showing respect
19. He was the court appointed lawyer for thirty indigent defendants.  
(a) untried (b) poor  
(c) guilty (d) native
20. The loot that were recovered were all gimcrack ornaments.  
(a) smuggled (b) expensive  
(c) rare (d) worthless
21. There is a tacit agreement between the criminals not to give each other away  
(a) by word (b) written  
(c) unspoken (d) speechless
22. Honest officers find it difficult to attune themselves to corrupt bureaucracy.  
(a) adapt (b) obey  
(c) relax (d) please

**Directions (Question Nos. 23 - 26) : Analyse the following sentences and choose the correct answer from the alternatives given :**

23. I was doubtful of his success.  
(a) Negative Sentence (b) Optative Sentence  
(c) Assertive Sentence (d) Affirmative Sentence

24. Borrowing is not as good as lending.  
(a) Positive Sentence (b) Comparative Sentence  
(c) Superlative Sentence (d) Negative Sentence
25. It is foolish to waste money on liquor.  
(a) Affirmative Sentence (b) Optative Sentence  
(c) Positive Sentence (d) Assertive Sentence
26. He is not so intelligent as she.  
(a) Comparative Sentence (b) Affirmative Sentence  
(c) Negative Sentence (d) Assertive Sentence

**Directions (Question Nos. 27 - 32) : Select the Antonym of the given word from the alternatives below:**

27. Laconic  
(a) terse (b) brief  
(c) copious (d) lingering
28. Impenitent  
(a) hot-headed (b) repentant  
(c) pertinent (d) sorrowful
29. Clinch  
(a) deal (b) lasp  
(c) lose (d) seal
30. Myriad  
(a) trivial (b) trivial  
(c) difficult (d) few
31. Recession  
(a) inflation (b) appropriation  
(c) irregular (d) poverty
32. Urbane  
(a) slow (b) elegant  
(c) foolish (d) crude

**Directions (Question Nos. 33 - 41) : Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the underlined Idiom/ Phrase :**

33. The officer is Argus eyed during his investigation.  
(a) observant and careful (b) not serious  
(c) very slacking (d) missing details
34. We laughed in our sleeves during the whole demonstration.  
(a) laughed so much (b) laughed the whole time  
(c) laughed out loudly (d) laughed secretly
35. His moment of power is a damp squib.  
(a) like rainy weather (b) a disappointing result  
(c) a memorable time (d) of great importance

36. There was a job for men to cut my teeth on.  
(a) to earn a decent salary (b) to gain importance  
(c) to sharpen my wits (d) to try to get
37. It will be wise not to have a bee in the bonnet.  
(a) a peculiar habit of confusing others (b) to face problems as a result of senseless actions  
(c) an obsession about something (d) to repeat something continuously
38. Everything he worked hard for go abegging.  
(a) is ignored (b) is in trouble  
(c) became successful (d) is in vain
39. The Chief is ready to run the gauntlet.  
(a) lash with gauntlet (b) run away with valuables  
(c) face the criticism (d) accept a challenge
40. Being an employee, one must always gird up one's loins.  
(a) get ready for a job (b) show gratitude  
(c) be ready to wear a loin cloth (d) leave bag and baggage
41. The inspector hesitated to assign the job to the newcomer as he was wet behind the ears.  
(a) unpunctual and lethargic (b) stupid and slow-witted  
(c) drenched in the rain (d) young and inexperienced

**Directions (Question Nos. 42 - 46) : Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can substitute the given words/sentences :**

42. Take pleasure in  
(a) satisfied (b) overhaul  
(c) sadistic (d) revel
43. To struggle helplessly  
(a) flounder (b) fumble  
(c) fondle (d) affable
44. Code of diplomatic etiquette and precedence  
(a) statesmanship (b) protocol  
(c) hierarchy (d) diplomacy
45. Wild and noisy, disorder or confusion  
(a) querrulous (b) precocious  
(c) umbrage (d) pandemonium
46. A professional soldier hired to serve in a foreign army  
(a) assassin (b) sniper  
(c) mercenary (d) venal

**Directions (Question Nos. 47 - 50) : Select from the alternatives given the one which expresses the same meaning in Direct/Indirect Speech :**

47. "Where will you be tomorrow," I said, "in case I have to call you?"
- (a) I asked where you will be the next day in case I will call him.
  - (b) I asked where he would be the next day in case I had to call him.
  - (c) I said to him where he will be in case I have to call him.
  - (d) I enquired about his whereabouts the next day in case I have to call him.
48. He said, "Be quiet and listen to my words."
- (a) He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.
  - (b) He urged them and said be quiet and listen to his words.
  - (c) He said they should be quiet and listen to his words.
  - (d) He told them you should be quiet and listen to my words.
49. "There are ceremonies going on", he said to me.
- (a) He told me that there were ceremonies going on.
  - (b) He told me that there are ceremonies going on.
  - (c) He said that there are ceremonies going on.
  - (d) There are ceremonies going on is what he said to me.
50. He said to her, "What a cold day!"
- (a) He told her that it was a cold day.
  - (b) He exclaimed how cold a day it was.
  - (c) He told her what a cold day it was.
  - (d) He exclaimed that it was a very cold day.

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