

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

MIZORAM HEALTH SERVICES (COMBINED) EXAMINATION UNDER HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, JULY-2024

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.
Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay choosing one of the topics given below: (20)

- Civic sense : Its importance for a healthy environment.
- Physical exercises and their health benefits.
- Management of Environmental Pollution.

2. Write a precis of the following passage : (20)

The medical profession is a noble one and most of us look on doctors as nothing short of divine as they often cure our illness. On their part, doctors also have a duty towards their patients. In the words of the Apex Court, "The duty owed by a doctor towards his patient is to bring to his task a reasonable degree of skill and knowledge, and to exercise a reasonable degree of care. Thus, every doctor at the Government hospital or elsewhere, has a professional obligation to extend his services with due expertise for protecting life."

A few months ago, Madumita, a teacher and mother of two, underwent a laparoscopy-assisted hysterectomy at a corporate hospital. The laparoscopy technique was recommended by a well-known gynaecologist in the city who assured her that it meant less tear and early recovery and that she could resume regular work after just a few days' stay in hospital. As it happened, Madumita was discharged within four days of surgery. But, she had to be readmitted a couple of days later as she developed complications. Her condition worsened rapidly, causing immense anxiety to her family. Finally, three days later, and after various procedures, the diagnosis was "Left mid-uretric injury post laparoscopy-assisted hysterectomy". This clearly proved negligence. Madumita was referred to a urologist and she had to have emergency surgery to repair her urethra. She suffered a lot of pain in the ensuing days.

3. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

It is common knowledge that there has been wide deforestation in recent years. According to conservative estimates, five million acres have been denuded of forests. This has brought about widespread climatic change all over the country – leading to recurring drought and other natural calamities. Erosion of topsoil in the catchment areas has resulted in the tragedy of yearly flooding of our major rivers. And flood control measures have not been effective because those have been limited to superficial remedies like building embankments rather than rectifying the root cause by starting a vigorous afforestation drive. Deforestation of our hills, in particular, has led to soil erosion and landslides on unprecedented scale, threatening the survival of some of our popular hill stations.

The popular increase has spared the hills. In the towns more and more areas are being cleared to make room for houses and roads are being built in the fond hope of carrying the fruits of development to the hinterland. This is inevitable, of course, but it need not have been done indiscriminately, without

a thought to the consequences. As things are, the natural drainage of these areas has been upset and water seeping into bare earth has led to slipping and sinking of land. Piped water which is being introduced in hill townships without developing adequate drainage facilities has also added to the threat of rapid erosion.

QUESTIONS :

- (a) Describe the extent of deforestation in India. (3)
- (b) What has been the result of deforestation? (3)
- (c) Why has the flood control measures failed in our country? (3)
- (d) How does population increase affect the hills? (3)
- (e) How does the introduction of pipes add to the threat of soil erosion in the hills? (3)
- (f) Choose one-word meaning from the passage for the following : (5×1=5)
 - (i) to make bare
 - (ii) happen again and again
 - (iii) serious misfortunes
 - (iv) inner part of a country
 - (v) set right

4. Choose the correct indirect form of speech from the following direct sentences. (5×1=5)

- (a) The girl said, "Teacher, shall I write this poem again?"
 - (i) The girl asks the teacher if she should write this poem again.
 - (ii) The girl asked the teacher if she should write that poem again.
 - (iii) The girl asked the teacher if she should write this poem again.
 - (iv) The girl asked the teacher if she shall write that poem again.
- (b) The clerk said, "Submit your forms tomorrow."
 - (i) The clerk asked us to submit our forms tomorrow.
 - (ii) The clerk asked us to submit our forms the following day.
 - (iii) The clerk asks us to submit our forms the following day.
 - (iv) The clerk has asked us to submit our forms the following day.
- (c) She said, "We are all mortals."
 - (i) She says that we are all mortals.
 - (ii) She said that we are all mortals.
 - (iii) She said that we were all mortals.
 - (iv) She says that we have all been mortals.
- (d) The criminal said to the king, "Please have mercy on me."
 - (i) The criminal begs the king to have mercy on him.
 - (ii) The criminal begged the king to have mercy on him
 - (iii) The criminal has begged the king to have mercy on him
 - (iv) The criminal had begged the king to have mercy on him.
- (e) He said to you, "You were late."
 - (i) He told you that you had been late.
 - (ii) He said to you that you had been late
 - (iii) He told you that you are late
 - (iv) He told you that you were late.

5. Correct the following sentences.

(10×1=10)

- (a) He works hard earning a living.
- (b) He is more handsome than me.
- (c) The children are busy to do their project.
- (d) Neither mother nor father were at home.
- (e) Neither notice the sky.
- (f) The two friends like one another.
- (g) He is the most ideal teacher.
- (h) You are forbidden not to touch my books.
- (i) I have applied for this post last year.
- (j) He is disqualified to appear in the examination.

6. Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate prepositions from the given alternatives :

(5×1=5)

- (a) The thief entered the house _____ a window. (*from / by / through / into*)
- (b) The horse jumped _____ the fence. (*above / over / upto / into*)
- (c) He came to school _____ foot. (*on / by / with / in*)
- (d) I have not seen her _____ the last three days. (*since / from / for / in*)
- (e) I am proud _____ my heritage. (*about / of / with*)

7. Choose the correct meaning of the following idioms and phrases from the given alternatives :

(10×1=10)

- (a) An axe to grind :
 - (i) Private ends to serve
 - (ii) Difficult job
 - (iii) Hard labour
 - (iv) Punishment
- (b) Sitting on the fence :
 - (i) Uncomfortable
 - (ii) Between two opinions
 - (iii) Unbalanced
 - (iv) Coward
- (c) To meet one's Waterloo :
 - (i) To meet a strong adversary
 - (ii) To die fighting
 - (iii) To die an ignoble death
 - (iv) To meet one's final defeat
- (d) To fly off the handle :
 - (i) To lose one's temper
 - (ii) To be indifferent
 - (iii) To dislocate
 - (iv) To be airborne
- (e) Cut one short :
 - (i) Insult someone
 - (ii) Disturb someone
 - (iii) Interrupt someone
 - (iv) Criticise someone
- (f) To smell a rat :
 - (i) To suspect a trick or deceit
 - (ii) To see hidden meaning
 - (iii) To misunderstand
 - (iv) To smell bad odour
- (g) Eat like a bird :
 - (i) Eat fast
 - (ii) Eat very little
 - (iii) Eat a lot
 - (iv) Pretending to be eating

- (h) A snake in the grass :
 (i) A secret enemy
 (ii) A clever friend
 (iii) Difficult to find
 (iv) A well-wisher
- (i) To hit below the belt :
 (i) To punish
 (ii) To tie with a belt
 (iii) To hit with a belt
 (iv) To attack unfairly
- (j) Turn out crabs :
 (i) End in failure
 (ii) to be successful
 (iii) To bring up crabs
 (iv) to accept a challenge

8. Make sentences with each word in the following pair of word to show their difference in meaning :
(5×2=10)

- (a) elusive / illusive
(b) facilitate / felicitate
(c) inept / inapt
(d) hoard / horde
(e) desert / dessert

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