

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO
JUNIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM SECRETARIAT SERVICE (M.S.S)
UNDER GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. SEPTEMBER -2024

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** (1) of the following: **(25)**
 - Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication
 - Role of Politics in Development
 - No one should be above the law
 - Towards a healthy lifestyle

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

The word success itself is elusive. Everyone has their own definition of what success is, making it very difficult to define how to obtain it. And while you will have to figure out the details regarding what it takes to be successful in your own personal life or career, the truth is that you can fundamentally change your life for the better by focussing on certain concepts.

Success is not something you can obtain on your own. While you ultimately define your own path, you are greatly influenced and aided by the people around you. Until you realize this and start to reach out, you will find it is nearly impossible to break through. Ask yourself this question: Are the people closest to you pushing you in the right direction or holding you back? They are either doing one or the other, so make sure you surround yourself with positive, successful people.

3. Draft a letter to the editor of a daily Newspaper, drawing the attention of the concerned authorities to the insanitary condition of the city markets. **(20)**

4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate verb form of the words in brackets: **(5×1=5)**
 - (a) If I knew what he wanted, I _____ this. (permit)
 - (b) I wish I _____ his name. (know)
 - (c) Either the mother or the daughter _____ made this meal. (have)
 - (d) She _____ pictures when her mother came. (colour)
 - (e) You _____ your work by the end of this month. (complete)

5. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words among the choices given below: **(5×1=5)**
- (a) He insisted _____ going. (to, on, at, in)
 - (b) Her views do not accord _____ mine. (of, for, from, with)
 - (c) Consider the lilies _____ they grow. (since, when, how, till)
 - (d) Amassing wealth _____ ruins health. (often, never, always, seldom)
 - (e) There are tall trees _____ the river. (over, among, along, between)
6. Make sentences on **any five (5)** pairs of words to bring out their differences: **(5×2=10)**
- (a) devise device
 - (b) palate palette
 - (c) mantel mantle
 - (d) hangar hanger
 - (e) wave waive
 - (f) berth birth
 - (g) amiable amicable
 - (h) hew hue
7. Rewrite the following as directed: **(10×1=10)**
- (a) He got only passing marks. (*correct the sentence*)
 - (b) Do you allow me to use your phone? (*use modal verb*)
 - (c) We all went in. (*identify the word 'in'*)
 - (d) Be good and you will be happy. (*to simple sentence*)
 - (e) She was refused admittance. (*change the voice*)
 - (f) He said, "Let us wait for her." (*change the speech*)
 - (g) Cast your votes, _____ ? (*add question tag*)
 - (h) The airplane flies faster than birds. (*change degree of comparison*)
 - (i) I could answer if I chose. (*to compound sentence*)
 - (j) I may be blunt. I am at least honest. (*to complex sentence*)
8. Make sentences with the following Idioms and phrases: **(10×1=10)**
- (a) at a pinch
 - (b) off and on
 - (c) hand and glove
 - (d) in the running
 - (e) beside the mark
 - (f) turn tail
 - (g) wet blanket
 - (h) take to heels
 - (i) through thick and thin
 - (j) Hobson's choice