

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO
SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE (MINISTERIAL)
UNDER HOME (POLICE) DEPARTMENT. OCTOBER-2024

PAPER - V

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 40

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay on any one (1) of the following: (25)

- Impact of religion on Mizo society
- Mizo Society's views on mental health issues and illnesses
- Pros and Cons of Mizo NGOs
- Effects of technology on children and teenagers

2. Write a précis of the following passage, condensing the original by about one-third of its original length. (15)

East Africa in 2022 suffered the worst drought in 40 years, after five consecutive below- average rainy seasons that scientists have linked to global climate change. Crops withered and animals starved.

When combined with the sharp uptick in food prices that occurred early in the year following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the conditions proved disastrous: more than 1 million people were internally displaced by drought in Somalia alone, where UN officials expected to declare a famine by the end of the year. On average, one person was likely to die of hunger every 36 seconds, according to Oxfam. Across the Horn of Africa, more than 37 million people were facing acute hunger, including 7 million children under age 5.

For many, the situation stirred memories of a previous famine in Somalia in 2011, when nearly 260,000 people died, half of them children. Some projections suggest that the current crisis could be more severe.

In Ethiopia, which for most of the year was locked in a bitter conflict between the government and Tigrayan rebels, 534,000 people were displaced by the drought. Meanwhile thousands more migrants entering Ethiopia were headed to drought-affected areas, including at least 69,000 Ethiopians forcibly returned from Saudi Arabia. In March, the Ethiopian and Saudi governments struck a deal to return approximately 100,000 Ethiopians in irregular status, many of whom had been languishing in harsh, overcrowded detention centers.

3. Draft a letter to the editor of your local newspaper stating your views on importance of preparedness in disaster management in your area. (15)

4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate verb or form of the words in brackets:

(5×1=5)

- (a) Earlier this morning, Martha _____ (fall) ill.
(i) fell (ii) fallen
(iii) falls (iv) fall
- (b) We must _____ (act) soon if we are to catch the thief.
(i) act (ii) acting
(iii) acted (iv) actively
- (c) The outcome of the game would have been _____ (differ) if he were here.
(i) differ (ii) different
(iii) differently (iv) difference
- (d) The thief snuck in while his friends _____ (distract) the guard.
(i) distract (ii) distracted
(iii) distracting (iv) distractedly
- (e) I shall take what you said into _____ (consider).
(i) consider (ii) considerably
(iii) considerable (iv) consideration

5. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words among the choices given below:

(5×1=5)

- (a) Please let me know when you have made your _____.
(i) decide (ii) decision
(iii) decider (iv) decisive
- (b) I thought he was a good person, but it was all just a _____.
(i) facade (ii) barricade
(iii) private (iv) retrograde
- (c) Long term drug addicts are very likely to _____.
(i) replay (ii) relay
(iii) reload (iv) relapse
- (d) Your _____ are no longer required.
(i) service (ii) revise
(iii) cervix (iv) services
- (e) There seems to be an _____ in the coding.
(i) err (ii) error
(iii) erring (iv) erode

6. Make sentences on *any five (5)* pairs of words to bring out their differences:

(5×2=10)

- (a) Pole, poll (b) Hoard, horde
(c) Grade, grayed (d) Maize, maze
(e) Hole, whole (f) Coarse, course
(g) Leech, leach

7. Rewrite the following sentences as directed:

(15×1=15)

- (a) Samantha told Mark, "Do not leave me alone". (*to indirect speech*)
- (b) Siama said that he likes to play football in the rain. (*to direct speech*)
- (c) She delivers packages for Amazon. (*change the voice*)
- (d) I am making a calculated decision. (*change the voice*)
- (e) We are beaten. Yet we must go on. (*change to compound sentence*)
- (f) Following the road, we got to our destination. (*change to compound sentence*)
- (g) I will go see the doctor tomorrow. (*change to interrogative*)
- (h) I am stronger than anyone in my gym. (*change to superlative*)
- (i) Will you please bring me tea? (*change to declarative*)
- (j) Have I not done enough? (*change to imperative*)
- (k) I was tired. I still did it. (*change to compound sentence*)
- (l) I saw a girl who had blonde hair. (*change to simple sentence*)
- (m) Will you go fetch me some noodles? (*change to imperative*)
- (n) Apples are the best fruit. (*change to comparative*)
- (o) I am taller than everyone in my class. (*change to superlative*)

8. Make sentences on *any 10 (ten)* with the following *idioms and phrases*:

(10×1=10)

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| (a) Cost an arm and a leg | (b) Like two peas in a pod |
| (c) Leave no stone unturned | (d) Spill the beans |
| (e) Beating a dead horse | (f) On thin ice |
| (g) Elephant in the room | (h) Every dog has its day |
| (i) Let sleeping dogs lie | (j) Cry over spilt milk |
| (k) Break a leg | (l) Call it a day |
| (m) Under the weather | (n) Beat around the bush |
| (o) Stick to your guns | |
