

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR
SUB-INSPECTOR OF EXCISE & NARCOTICS
UNDER EXCISE & NARCOTICS DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM,
(APRIL-2025)

PAPER-I
(GENERAL ENGLISH)

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100

SECTION - A (Conventional Type) (40 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 a précis of the following passage. (10)

Drug abuse is a growing concern for law enforcement worldwide. It not only harms individuals but also fuels crime and destabilizes societies. Despite strict regulations, drug traffickers continue to evolve, using advanced technologies and underground networks to evade authorities. The illegal drug trade remains a major challenge, requiring strong enforcement, intelligence operations, and international cooperation.

Public awareness campaigns and rehabilitation programs play a crucial role in preventing substance abuse and supporting recovery. Community involvement is equally important in protecting vulnerable individuals, especially the youth. While law enforcement agencies lead the fight, every responsible citizen must support anti-drug initiatives to create a safer, drug-free society.

2. As a concerned citizen of your city, write a formal letter to the Secretary, Excise & Narcotics Department requesting strict action against illegal drug activities in your locality. Highlight the increasing drug abuse problems, its impact on youth, and suggest measures for stricter enforcement and public awareness. (15)

3. Read the given paragraph and answer the questions given at the end:

The 'Little Tramp', the unforgettable character Charlie Chaplin invented, was born purely by accident in 1915. While rushing to a film shoot in California, he grabbed clothes other people had left behind in the changing room and when he emerged, he found he had created a personality everybody loved. A little guy in a bowler hat, a close-fitting jacket, a cane, out-sized shoes and a brush-like moustache!

Before long, Chaplin found himself a star. That puzzled him, for he saw himself essentially as a shy British Music Hall comedian. The U.S. acknowledged him as its king of silent film comedy. Soon, so did crowds all over the world. But life wasn't always a laugh for Charles Spencer Chaplin. Both his parents were Music Hall artists, who separated when Charlie was very young. His childhood was very sad, for his mother never earned enough to look after Charlie and his older brother, Sydney. Sometimes, Chaplin had to sleep on the streets and forage for food in the garbage.

Charlie took his first bow on stage when his mother made her last appearance. It happened when her voice broke during a song. Her son stepped on stage and sang a popular song. That's when a star was born. Through all these years of success, Charlie never forgot his troubled childhood. It made him recall a Christmas when he was denied two oranges and his bag of sweets for breaking a rule at the orphanage he went to after his mother's death. It would have broken his heart, if the other children had not offered him a share of theirs. Spontaneously, the adult Chaplin gifted the orphanage with a motion picture machine and insisted that each child should have as many oranges and sweets as they pleased.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) Which unforgettable character did Charlie Chaplin invent? (2)
- (b) Describe the personality created by Charlie, whom everybody loved. (2)
- (c) What did Charlie see himself as? (2)
- (d) Give two reasons to show that Charlie Chaplin's early life was very sad. (2)
- (e) When did Charlie Chaplin start his career? (2)
- (f) The word in the passage that means 'to search for food' is _____. (1)
 - (i) stepped (ii) forage
 - (iii) emerged (iv) orphanage
- (g) What is meant by the word 'invented'? (1)
 - (i) created (ii) wrote
 - (iii) struggled (iv) laughed
- (h) Find the word in the passage opposite in meaning to 'bold'. (1)
 - (i) found (ii) shy
 - (iii) silent (iv) puzzled
- (i) Find the word in the passage opposite in meaning to 'failure' (1)
 - (i) troubled (ii) share
 - (iii) motion (iv) success
- (j) Find the word in the passage similar in meaning to 'appeared' (1)
 - (i) insisted (ii) offered
 - (iii) emerged (iv) broken

SECTION - B (Multiple Choice questions) (60 Marks)

All questions carry equal mark of 2 each. Attempt all questions.

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

Directions (Question Nos. 1 - 5) : Identify the underlined words in each of the following:

1. Wow, that is an awesome vehicle!
(a) Conjunction (b) Preposition
(c) Interjection (d) Adjective
2. The students received excellent results.
(a) Pronoun (b) Adverb
(c) Noun (d) Adjective
3. We have so much to do yet we have so little time.
(a) Verb (b) Conjunction
(c) Interjection (d) Adjective
4. My husband prepared a meal that was astonishingly delicious, a true culinary masterpiece.
(a) Adverb (b) Adjective
(c) Conjunction (d) Interjection
5. The waves are crashing against the rocks.
(a) Pronoun (b) Conjunction
(c) Adjective (d) Preposition

Directions (Question Nos. 6 - 10) : Choose the correct words to fill in the blanks:

6. _____ book is this?
(a) Who's (b) Whom
(c) Who (d) Whose
7. _____ clothes over there belong to the gardener.
(a) These (b) Those
(c) That (d) This
8. Mr. Patel has lost _____ his savings in a scam.
(a) some (b) all
(c) most (d) many
9. The men have not heard the _____ gossip.
(a) latter (b) later
(c) latest (d) lattest
10. Copper is _____ useful metal for us.
(a) an (b) a
(c) the (d) their

Directions (Question Nos. 11 - 15) : Choose the correct antonym or synonym as indicated:

11. Synonym for "Precarious"
(a) Unquestionable (b) Unstable
(c) Reliable (d) Secure

12. Antonym for "Obscure"
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| (a) Faint | (b) Esoteric |
| (c) Clear | (d) Concealed |
13. Synonym for "Exonerate"
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| (a) Acquit | (b) Implicate |
| (c) Condemn | (d) Reprimand |
14. Antonym for "Stringent"
- | | |
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| (a) Austere | (b) Lenient |
| (c) Exacting | (d) Severe |
15. Synonym for "Vigilant"
- | | |
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| (a) Distracted | (b) Hesitant |
| (c) Watchful | (d) Insensitive |

Directions (Question Nos. 16 - 20) : In each of the questions given below, four sentences are given. Choose the sentence that is grammatically and contextually incorrect:

16. Choose the incorrect sentence:
- (a) I prefer coffee to tea.
 - (b) The sceneries of the hill station were breathtaking.
 - (c) She prevented him from making a mistake.
 - (d) It is high time we left.
17. Choose the incorrect sentence:
- (a) No sooner had he arrived than it started raining.
 - (b) I have never seen such a beautiful sunset.
 - (c) She told me that she will call me later.
 - (d) Unless you study hard, you will not pass.
18. Choose the incorrect sentence:
- (a) The police are investigating the matter.
 - (b) Each of the players have their own locker.
 - (c) The Prime Minister, along with his ministers, is attending the meeting.
 - (d) She is capable of handling the situation.
19. Choose the incorrect sentence:
- (a) He is used to waking up early in the morning.
 - (b) She was so tired that she fell asleep immediately.
 - (c) The news was shocking to everyone.
 - (d) Neither of the boys have done their homework.
20. Choose the incorrect sentence:
- (a) The information are not accurate.
 - (b) The child cried because he lost his toy.
 - (c) She is interested in learning new languages.
 - (d) We had better leave now if we want to catch the train.

Directions (Question Nos. 21 - 30) : Choose the correct answer from the given options:

21. He is too weak to go to the concert today. (Rewrite into a *Negative sentence*)
- (a) He is so weak not to go to the concert today.
 - (b) He is so weak that he cannot go to the concert today.
 - (c) He is not weak enough to go to the concert today.
 - (d) He will not go to the concert today.
22. The katana you gave me last year was not blunt. (Rewrite into an *Affirmative sentence*)
- (a) The katana you gave me last year was edgy.
 - (b) The katana you gave me last year was blunted.
 - (c) The katana you gave me last year was new.
 - (d) The katana you gave me last year was sharp.
23. When the clock struck nine, we returned home. (Convert into a *Compound sentence* without changing the meaning)
- (a) The watch struck nine , we returned home.
 - (b) The clock struck nine and we returned home.
 - (c) We returned home and the clock struck nine.
 - (d) When the clock struck nine we went to our home.
24. The child is wise for its age. (Convert into a *Complex sentence* without changing the meaning)
- (a) The child is wise and she is young.
 - (b) The child is wiser than any other child of his age.
 - (c) The child is really wise for the age and time period.
 - (d) The child is wise and it is still so young for its age
25. The servants were beaten without mercy. (Change the underlined words into an adverb)
- (a) The servants were beaten mercilessly.
 - (b) The servants were beaten with mercy.
 - (c) The servants were beaten mercenarily.
 - (d) The servants were beaten mercily.
26. The sun can never rise in the west. (Convert into an *Interrogative form* without changing the meaning)
- (a) Can the sun never rise in the west?
 - (b) Can the sun ever rise in the west?
 - (c) Will the sun ever rise in the west?
 - (d) Why can the sun forever rise in the west?
27. Had I but come a little earlier! (Convert into an *Assertive sentence* without changing the meaning)
- (a) I hope that I will come a little earlier.
 - (b) I wish I had come a little earlier.
 - (c) I wonder if I had come a little earlier.
 - (d) I pray that I will come a little earlier.
28. I long for a slice of delicious pizza. (Convert into an *Exclamatory sentence* without changing the meaning)
- (a) What for a slice of delicious pizza!
 - (b) Alas for a slice of delicious pizza!
 - (c) I long for a slice of delicious pizza!
 - (d) Oh, for a slice of delicious pizza!

29. Zorini said, "The delegates broke into the museum" (Convert into an *Indirect Speech*)
- (a) Zorini said that the delegates broke into the museum
 - (b) Zorini said that the delegates had broken the museum
 - (c) Zorini said that the delegates had broken into the museum
 - (d) Zorini said that the delegates have broken into the museum
30. Traces of ice have been discovered on the surface of Mars by scientists. (Convert into an *Active Voice*)
- (a) Scientists had discovered traces of ice on the surface of Mars.
 - (b) Scientists have discovered traces of ice on the surface of Mars.
 - (c) Scientists will have discovered traces of ice on the surface of Mars.
 - (d) Scientists discovered traces of ice on the surface of Mars.

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