

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO
JUNIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM SECRETARIAT SERVICE (M.S.S)
UNDER GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM.
(JULY - 2025)

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)
 - ‘Celebrity Culture’ and the Mizo Youth
 - Mitigation of Water Shortage in our Cities
 - Religion and Its Place in Governance
 - The Role of Civil Societies in Mizoram

2. Write a precis of the following passage, giving it a suitable title: (15)

Mental health encompasses emotional, psychological, and social well-being, crucial for overall well-being and quality of life. It impacts how we think, feel, and handle stress, and influences our relationships and ability to achieve personal goals. A healthy mental state allows us to navigate daily challenges and contribute positively to our communities.

Mental health is not just the absence of mental illness; it is a dynamic state where individuals can cope with life’s stresses, realize their potential, and contribute to society. It is a fundamental human right and a cornerstone of personal, community, and socio-economic development. Mental health can be affected by various factors, including biological, environmental, and social influences, and understanding these factors is crucial for supporting well-being. Poor mental health can lead to difficulties in daily functioning, increased risk of physical health problems, and reduced quality of life. Stigma and lack of awareness often prevent individuals from seeking help, highlighting the need for open conversations and education about mental health.

Taking care of mental health involves a variety of strategies, including practicing mindfulness, engaging in physical activity, seeking support from trusted friends and family, and, when necessary, consulting with mental health professionals. Promoting mental health awareness and providing access to resources can help individuals navigate challenges and build resilience.

In conclusion, mental health is a vital aspect of overall well-being, influencing our ability to thrive in all areas of life. By prioritizing mental health, individuals and communities can foster a more supportive and resilient society.

3. Draft a letter to the Head of your Department, suggesting measures for more efficient means to improve communication systems in the workplace. (20)

4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate verb form of the words given in brackets: (5×1=5)

- (a) Had I _____ (meet) her first, I would have married her.
- (b) Neither the boy, nor his father _____ (is) able to answer my question.
- (c) He _____ (go) for a walk on alternate days.
- (d) The students, along with their teacher, _____ (has) gone on a tour.
- (e) My mother _____ (eager) to meet you since I told her about you.

5. Fill in the blanks using the most appropriate words: (5×1=5)

- (i) He was arrested for driving _____ the influence of alcohol.
 - (a) in (b) while
 - (c) under (d) on
- (ii) The project was completed in accordance _____ the client's specifications.
 - (a) to (b) with
 - (c) of (d) on
- (iii) I could _____ keep my eyes open against the harsh glare of the sun this morning.
 - (a) nearly (b) blearily
 - (c) rarely (d) barely
- (iv) _____ waiting, there is nothing that we can do for now.
 - (a) Besides (b) Beside
 - (c) Asides (d) Aside
- (v) I offer my sincerest condolences for your _____.
 - (a) lost (b) loss
 - (c) loose (d) lose

6. Make sentences on **any five (5)** pairs of words to bring out their differences: (5×2=10)

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|---------------|-----------|----------------|------------|
| (a) Dew | due | (b) Their | they're |
| (c) Principle | principal | (d) Stationary | stationery |
| (e) Council | counsel | (f) Dual | duel |
| (g) Band | banned | (h) Alter | altar |
| (i) Scent | sense | (j) Guilt | gilt |

7. Rewrite the following as directed: (10×1=10)

- (a) He works hardly to make ends meet. (correct the sentence)
- (b) John is the tallest boy in class. (change to Comparative Degree)
- (c) I wrote him a letter. (change the Voice)
- (d) He said, "I saw him yesterday". (Change the Speech)
- (e) It was so hot that I could not sleep. (rewrite using 'to')
- (f) I have provided you with various luxuries. (change to negative interrogative)
- (g) Today is a sad day. (change to Exclamatory)

(h) Sam failed his exams. Tom and Jim failed as well. (join using “as well as”)

(i) I saw a bird which was flying. (to Simple sentence)

(j) Seeing the man, I approached him. (to Compound sentence)

8. Make sentences using the following idioms and phrases:

(10×1=10)

(a) Come hell or high water

(b) Slap on the wrist

(c) Break the ice

(d) Walk on eggshells

(e) To break his bubble

(f) A pretty penny

(g) Cut corners

(h) Steal someone’s thunder

(i) Cup of tea

(j) Elephant in the room

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