

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR INSPECTOR
UNDER EXCISE & NARCOTICS DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
(JULY-2025)

PAPER – I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100 PM : 40

SECTION - A
(50 Marks)

This Section should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

1. Write an essay on *any one* of the topics: (20)
 - (a) The importance of Cyber Security
 - (b) Impact of fake news & misinformation on social media
 - (c) Online Shopping: pros and cons
2. Write a precis of the following passage in about a third of its length: (15)

Correct principles are like compasses: They are always pointing the way. And if we know how to read them, we won't get lost, confused or fooled by conflicting voices and values. Principles are not invented by us or by society. They are the laws of the universe that pertain to human relationships and human organizations. They are part of the human condition, consciousness, and conscience. To the degree people recognize and live in harmony with such basic principles as fairness, equity, justice, integrity, honesty, and trust, they progress. Moreover, people instinctively trust those whose character and competence are founded upon correct principles, because trust is related to one's trustworthiness over time. Most people prefer to work on their appearance or personality, not on their character. The former may involve learning a new skill or style or image, but the latter involves changing habits, developing virtues, disciplining appetites and passions, keeping promises, and being considerate of the feelings and convictions of others. Character development is the true test and manifestation of our maturity. To value oneself and yet subordinate oneself to higher purposes and principles is the essence of highest humanity and the foundation of effective leadership. Principle-centered leaders are men and women of character who work with competence "on farms" with "seed and soil" and who work in harmony with natural "true north" principles and with the law of the harvest. They build those principles into the center of their lives, into the center of their relationships and their mission statements. Positive personality traits, while often essential for success, constitute secondary greatness. To focus on personality before character is to try to grow the tree without the roots. If we consistently use personality techniques and skills to enhance our social interactions, we may truncate the vital character base. We simply can't have the fruits without the roots. Private victory precede public victory. Self-mastery and self-discipline are the character roots of good relationships with others. If we use human influence strategies and tactics to get other people to do what we want, we may succeed short term; but over time, our duplicity and insincerity will breed distrust. Everything we do will be perceived as manipulative. We may have the "right" rhetoric, style, and even intention, but without trust, we won't achieve primary greatness.

3. As an Excise officer draft a letter to the Director, Excise & Taxation Department about a local business that is not complying with excise regulations and report the violations they committed and the corrective actions that you require them to take. (15)

SECTION - B
(50 Marks)

All questions carry equal marks of 1 each. Attempt all questions.

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

Directions (Question Nos. 1 - 10): Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom/ phrase:

1. That politician has a tendency to play to the gallery
(a) try to appeal to popular taste (b) love large crowds
(c) advertise (d) give long speeches
2. The detectives followed the clue but the investigation proved to be a mare's nest.
(a) time consuming (b) unnecessary
(c) an unfounded rumour (d) useless
3. Paul was cut to the quick by his friend's demeanour.
(a) hurt intensely (b) irritated
(c) surprised (d) annoyed
4. The actor felt that his fame was on the wane.
(a) at its peak (b) at rock bottom
(c) growing more (d) growing less
5. They used and tried every trick in the book to make him talk.
(a) funny moves (b) all possible methods
(c) negotiations (d) coercion and force
6. Many people still believe that travelling to Mars is a pipe dream.
(a) a fantasy or wish (b) a clever strategy
(c) a wonderful idea (d) a day dream
7. The Captain had to identify the elephant in the room before he made a decision for the team.
(a) big parcel (b) controversial problem
(c) traitor (d) clumsy person
8. The choices he has made in life has kept him between the devil and the deep sea.
(a) to live dangerously (b) angry and hurt
(c) safe from harm (d) in a dilemma
9. I have taken a fancy to Japanese culture ever since I visited Tokyo.
(a) started liking (b) started understanding
(c) assimilated into (d) started learning
10. Their competitors stole a march by launching their product first.
(a) showed discipline (b) acted methodically
(c) gained an advantage (d) become lucky

Directions (Question Nos. 11 - 18) Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate Preposition given below each statement:

11. Cyber attacks are much easier to carry out than to defend _____.
(a) against (b) after
(c) at (d) down
12. Let me write this essay _____ blue ink.
(a) with (b) in
(c) by (d) at
13. The beggar was blind _____ his left eye.
(a) to (b) with
(c) on (d) of
14. _____ being fined he was sentenced to three years in prison.
(a) After (b) Beside
(c) Besides (d) In addition to
15. We opted _____ a reconciliation.
(a) with (b) for
(c) to (d) of
16. The plane flew _____ the clouds.
(a) over (b) through
(c) across (d) on
17. Wearing a seat belt can protect you _____ being killed.
(a) for (b) with
(c) from (d) in
18. The company is located _____ main street.
(a) on (b) at
(c) in (d) near

Directions (Question Nos. 19 - 25): Complete the sentences with suitable alternatives given below:

19. _____ a new car?
(a) You are buying (b) Have you ever bought
(c) He is buying (c) Had you bought
20. Harry _____ when his father comes into the room.
(a) is not smoking (b) didn't smoke
(c) doesn't smoke (d) has not smoked
21. He sprained his ankle while he _____.
(a) skied (b) is skiing
(c) had skied (d) was skiing
22. Albert's father _____ his son's birthday
(a) has never forgotten (b) had not forgot
(c) is forgetting (d) forgets

23. When I first met him he _____ architecture.
(a) studied (b) had studied
(c) was studying (d) had been studying
24. When he _____ his company, Bill was only 20 years old .
(a) found (b) had found
(c) founded (d) was finding
25. This heirloom _____ in our family for the last hundred years.
(a) had been (b) has been
(c) have been (d) is being

Directions (Question Nos. 26 - 30) Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given sentences/ words:

26. A selfless person
(a) Altruist (b) Optimist
(c) Misanthrope (d) Philanthropist
27. Having many skills
(a) Egoist (b) Versatile
(c) Ambidextrous (d) Artistic
28. A person trained in fine arts
(a) Calligrapher (b) Curator
(c) Choreographer (d) Connoisseur
29. Guilty of crime
(a) Notorious (b) Rogue
(c) Culpable (d) Avaricious
30. Fluent and clear in speech
(a) Extempore (b) Articulate
(c) Literate (d) Pedantic

Directions (Question Nos. 31 - 35) Choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word in the sentence:

31. We did not expect such a judicious remark from him.
(a) wise (b) practical
(c) foolish (d) sensible
32. He was acquitted by the jury.
(a) absolved (b) convicted
(c) censured (d) questioned
33. I have never heard her make a sarcastic remark.
(a) ironical (b) derisive
(c) humble (d) courteous

34. The committee took an impartial view of the matter.
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| (a) biased | (b) just |
| (c) insignificant | (d) rational |
35. Masks are mandatory in public places.
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| (a) reliable | (b) imperative |
| (c) optional | (d) requisite |

Directions (Question Nos. 36 - 40) Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same meaning in Direct/ Indirect Speech:

36. He said, "I live in the city center."
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| (a) He said he was living in the city center. | (b) He said that he had lived in the city center. |
| (c) He said that he lives in city center. | (d) He said he lived in the city center. |
37. "Its been raining since this afternoon."he said.
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| (a) He said that it was raining since the afternoon. |
| (b) He said it had been raining since that afternoon. |
| (c) He said that it had rained since afternoon. |
| (d) He said it is raining since that afternoon. |
38. She said, "I will be in Germany tomorrow."
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| (a) She said that she would be in Germany the next day. |
| (b) She said that she will be going to Germany the next day. |
| (c) She said that she had arrived in Germany today. |
| (d) She said that she was going to be in Germany tomorrow. |
39. "Please keep the noise down," the librarian said to them.
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| (a) The librarian requested them to keep the noise down. |
| (b) The librarian was requesting them to keep the noise down. |
| (c) The librarian had been requesting to keep the noise down. |
| (d) The librarian had requested them to keep the noise down. |
40. She said, "May you succeed , my son."
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| (a) She was wishing for her son to succeed. | (b) She wished that her son might succeed. |
| (c) She had been wishing for her son to succeed. | (d) She said that she wished her son succeeded. |

Directions (Question Nos. 41 - 45) Analyse the following sentences and choose the correct answer from the alternated given:

41. I came, I saw, and I conquered.
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| (a) Compound Sentence | (b) Complex Sentence |
| (c) Comparative Sentence | (d) Optative Sentence |
42. "Wish you a wonderful day."
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| (a) Affirmative Sentence | (b) Assertive Sentence |
| (c) Complex Sentence | (d) Optative Sentence |

43. Let me know if you are interested in my offer .
(a) Compound Sentence (b) Complex Sentence
(c) Affirmative Sentence (d) Optative Sentence
44. Where is the toilet please?
(a) Affirmative Sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Simple Sentence (d) Comparative Sentence
45. Everything was falling into place.
(a) Affirmative Sentence (b) Optative Sentence
(c) Assertive Sentence (d) Exclamatory Sentence

Directions (Question Nos. 46 - 50) Select the synonym of the word given from the alternatives given below:

46. Synopsis
(a) Index (b) mixture
(c) summary (d) puzzle
47. Vanguard
(a) Flag bearer (b) guardsman
(c) Officer (d) pioneer
48. August
(a) Common (b) dignified
(c) petty (d) serious
49. Peculate
(a) Embezzle (b) Misuse
(c) Accord (d) Exploit
50. Incognizant
(a) Accidental (b) Intentional
(c) Conscious (d) Unaware

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