

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR INSPECTOR
UNDER EXCISE & NARCOTICS DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
(DECEMBER-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 (1)** of the topics given below: **(20)**
 - Government Employees ‘ Right to Strike’
 - Corruption versus Economic Growth
 - Railway Service in Mizoram: pros and cons
2. Write a precis of the following passage in about one third of its length : **(15)**

The happy man is the man who lives objectively, who has free affections and wide interests, who secures his happiness through these interests and affections and through the fact that, they in turn make him an object of interest and affection to many others. To be the recipient of affection is a potent cause of happiness, but the man who demands affection is not the man whom it is bestowed. The man who receives affection is, speaking broadly, the man who gives it. But it is useless to give it as a calculation in the way one might lend money at interest, for a calculated affection is not genuine and it is not felt to be so by the recipient.

What then can a man do who is encased in self? So long as he continues to think about the causes of his unhappiness, he continues to be self-centered and therefore does not get outside the vicious circle, if he is to get outside it, it must be genuine interests, not by simulated interests adopted merely by a medicine. Although this difficulty is real, there is nevertheless much that he can do if he has rightly diagnosed his trouble. If, for example, his trouble is due to a sense of sin, conscious or unconscious, he can first persuade his conscious mind that he has no reason to feel sinful and then proceed, to plant his rational conviction in his unconscious mind, concerning himself meanwhile with some more or less neutral activity. If he succeeds in dispelling the sense of sin, it is possible that genuine objective interests will arise spontaneously. If his trouble is self pity, he can deal with it in the same manner after first persuading himself there is nothing extraordinarily unfortunate in his circumstances.

If fear is his trouble, let him practice exercises designed to give courage. Courage has been recognised from time immemorial as an important virtue, and a great part of training of boys and young men has been devoted to producing a type of character capable of fearlessness in battle. But moral courage and intellectual courage have been much less studied, they also, however, have their technique. Admit to yourself everyday at least one painful truth, you will find this quite useful. Teach yourself to feel that life still be worth living even if you were not, as of course you are, immeasurably superior to all your friends in virtue and intelligence. Exercise of this sort prolonged though several years will at last enable you to admit facts without flinching and will, in so doing, free you from the empire of fear over a very large field. (442 words)

3. You are XYZ, working as Inspector in the Excise Department for a number of years and have good experience in dealing with petty local businesses at Rangvamual area. Draft a letter to the Director, Excise & Narcotics Department on concrete practical measures for maintaining amicable environment in and around the area. (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. For the actual prosperity of the nation, the economic conditions of rank and file should be improved.
(a) high ranking officers (b) the field workers
(c) the political parties (d) everyone without discrimination
2. The police department was in a fix about the threatening calls sent by the militants.
(a) secretive (b) in a dilemma
(c) at ease (d) in the process of solving
3. Every piece of furniture in her house is in an apple-pie order.
(a) very neatly arranged (b) painted in light colours
(c) in complete disarray (d) placed in the shape of a pie
4. He is such a queer fish that we can't expect anything positive from him.
(a) strange person (b) pessimist
(c) unreliable person (d) conservative
5. In our country the poor have to struggle hard to keep the wolf from the door.
(a) to avoid the politicians (b) to work persistently
(c) to strictly lock the door (d) to avoid starvation
6. We kept our fingers crossed till the final results were declared.
(a) kept praying (b) waited anxiously
(c) kept hopeful (d) waited confidently
7. My friend got the sack from his first job.
(a) resigned (b) got tired of
(c) was dismissed (d) was transferred
8. He is accused of sitting on the fence.
(a) watching the scene (b) disturbing the peace
(c) hesitating which side to take (d) resting on the fence
9. All his efforts ended in smoke.
(a) brought good results (b) came to nothing
(c) were put to fire (d) were overwhelming

10. Appearance before the Joint Parliamentary Committee will be an acid test for the Prime Minister.
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| (a) a privilege | (b) a tedious duty |
| (c) a crucial test | (d) an easy task |

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

11. Books are often compared _____ a granary.
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| (a) with | (b) to |
| (c) by | (d) around |
12. If you live in a corrupt society, you cannot easily rise _____ the prevailing corruption.
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| (a) against | (b) over |
| (c) above | (d) under |
13. They are grateful _____ your kindness.
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| (a) for | (b) to |
| (c) with | (d) on |
14. There was nothing he could do _____ wait.
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| (a) except | (b) from |
| (c) to | (d) above |
15. He accused me _____ selling secret information to the enemy.
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| (a) with | (b) by |
| (c) in | (d) of |
16. Mr. Johnson will take _____ as the new Principal tomorrow.
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| (a) up | (b) after |
| (c) over | (d) on |
17. He is terrible _____ public speaking.
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| (a) through | (b) in |
| (c) with | (d) at |
18. I was fascinated _____ her manners and looks.
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| (a) with | (b) by |
| (c) at | (d) in |

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

19. She _____ by a speeding car.
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| (a) knocked down | (b) was knocking down |
| (c) will knock down | (d) was knocked down |
20. My bank loan _____ in five years time.
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| (a) will be paid off | (b) will pay off |
| (c) be paying off | (d) will be having paid |
21. The protesters _____ by the police.
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| (a) are hold back | (b) are being held back |
| (c) are holding back | (d) are to hold back |

22. He has devoted the past three years to _____ his daughter's death.
(a) revenge (b) restore
(c) avenge (d) bury
23. He _____ to lend me any money.
(a) denied (b) refused
(c) refuge (d) dismiss
24. Do not make rash decisions on the _____ of the moment.
(a) spore (b) spoor
(c) spear (d) spur
25. He _____ the timber very quickly.
(a) sawed (b) saw
(c) sod (d) sewed

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

26. Loss of sleep
(a) kleptomania (b) insomnia
(c) misogynist (d) ligature
27. Study of coins
(a) optics (b) cytology
(c) numismatics (d) dermatology
28. A small shop that sells fashionable clothes, cosmetics etc.
(a) store (b) boutique
(c) reticule (d) cubicle
29. Work inscribed on the tomb
(a) epitaph (b) epigraph
(c) eulogy (c) postscript
30. Rule by mob
(a) tyranny (b) plutocracy
(c) mobocracy (d) pantisocracy

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

31. The doctor said that there is no improvement in the condition of the patient.
(a) depression (b) deterioration
(c) depreciation (d) transformation
32. The artist led a very austere life.
(a) luxurious (b) boisterous
(c) exciting (d) eventful
33. His repulsive behaviour could not be ignored by his colleagues.
(a) lovely (b) mild
(c) attractive (d) strange

34. After a week-long strike, the workers took to the path of collision when the chairman intervened.
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| (a) retaliation | (b) atonement |
| (c) reconciliation | (d) exposition |
35. The coach was too lax about the training of the team.
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| (a) stern | (b) sensible |
| (c) open | (d) carefree |

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

36. He inquired whether his name was not Ahmed.
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| (a) He said, 'Is your name not Ahmed?' |
| (b) He said to him, 'Is not your name Ahmed?' |
| (c) He asked Ahmed what his name was. |
| (d) He said to Ahmed, 'What is your name?' |
37. She said, 'Alas! I am undone.'
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| (a) She cried that she was undone. |
| (b) She was surprised that she was done for. |
| (c) She shouted with sadness that she had undone. |
| (d) She exclaimed sadly that she was undone. |
38. I said to him, ' Please wait here till I return. '
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| (a) I asked him to wait till I return. |
| (b) I promised to wait till he returned. |
| (c) 'Please wait here,' said he to me. |
| (d) I requested him to wait there till I returned. |
39. He proposed that they should wait for the award.
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| (a) He said, 'Let us wait for the award.' |
| (b) He said to us, ' We will wait for the award'. |
| (c) He said that we should wait for the award. |
| (d) The proposal is to wait for the award. |
40. He says, 'I am glad to be here this evening.'
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| (a) He is glad to be there that evening. |
| (b) He was glad to be there in the evening. |
| (c) He says he is glad to be here this evening. |
| (d) He says he was glad to be there that evening. |

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

41. I have no advice to offer you.
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| (a) Simple sentence | (b) Compound Sentence |
| (c) Optative Sentence | (d) Complex Sentence |

42. Tell me where you live.
(a) Compound Sentence (b) Assertive Sentence
(c) Complex Sentence (d) Interrogative Sentence
43. If only I were safe at home!
(a) Optative Sentence (b) Exclamatory Sentence
(c) Complex Sentence (d) Comparative Sentence
44. There's no fool like an old fool.
(a) Affirmative Sentence (b) Negative Sentence
(c) Comparative Sentence (d) Compound Sentence
45. The teacher punished the boy for disobedience.
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence
(c) Complex Compound (d) Negative Sentence

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

46. Latent
(a) Apparent (b) Dormant
(c) Illegal (d) Ample
47. Connoisseur
(a) Interpreter (b) Expert
(c) Ambassador (d) Materialist
48. Bounty
(a) Plentiful (b) Penalty
(c) Petty (d) Reward
49. Impromptu
(a) Unreal (b) Offhand
(c) Prepared (d) Important
50. Ploy
(a) Investigation (b) Composure
(c) Device (d) Exit

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