

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO
JUNIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM SECRETARIAT SERVICE (M.S.S)
UNDER DP&AR (SSW), GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM.
(SEPTEMBER- 2026)

PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100 PM : 40

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

1. Write an essay on **any 1(one)** of the given topics: **(25)**

- (a) Civil societies' role in the political landscape of Mizoram.
- (b) It is only the Government that can bring about significant changes in society, not the individual.
- (c) Social media and its impact on inter personal relations.
- (d) Artificial Intelligence –Socio-economic impact.

2. Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: **(15)**

If the rule of reason in the region of thought is the aim of science, the rule of equality in the region of behaviour is the aim of democracy. Democracy is not a political arrangement or a form of government. It is a pattern of life, an active conviction, which informs and inspires every thought, word and deed. Our present constitution of society induces in its more fortunate members, far too great readiness to accept privileges as though it were inherent in the social order; as though it were normal and even proper and just.

If we are sincere in our professing of democracy, we should not shut our eyes to the most obvious defects of the present social order. A system which does not offer security and decent employment to multitudes of trained young men, suffers from fundamental vice. Society is in danger of splitting to pieces if the few who have the benefits of civilization, are not willing to share them with the rest. No state is stable, unless it procures for all its members the essentials of a good life. We acknowledge that health is better than disease, sufficiently better than poverty; shelter better than cold and exposure, ease of mind better than racking anxiety. It is our duty to obtain these essentials of civilized life or the mass of the population to work for basic economic justice for all, if necessary, by the imposition of higher taxes on incomes, land, property and inheritance. Riches were created by the maker for being spent on social purposes. It was Blackstone, not Lenin, who wrote: "The law not only regards life and protects every man in enjoyment of it, but also furnishes him with everything necessary for its support. For, there is no man so indecent or wretched but that he may demand a supply sufficient for all the necessities of life, from the more opulent part of the community."

3. Make sentences using **any 5 (five)** of the given idioms and phrases to bring out the meaning:

(5×2=10)

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| (a) go cold turkey | (b) in the long run |
| (c) under the table | (d) clamp down on |
| (e) call it a day | (f) cut corners |
| (g) golden handshake | (h) glass ceiling |
| (i) gray area | (j) up in the air |

4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word:

(5×1=5)

- (a) Who is _____ oldest person in your family?
- (b) _____ bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
- (c) I first met her _____ year ago.
- (d) His boss told him, "You are _____ asset to the Department."
- (e) Let's give him _____ good news now.

5. Rewrite the sentences as directed:

(5×1=5)

- (a) "Do not be late again" the Superintendent warned Mawia.
(Convert into indirect speech)
- (b) I don't fancy _____ out tonight.
(Complete the sentence using the correct form of 'go')
- (c) They have been at the protest site since dawn.
(Change into interrogative)
- (d) The lady called the mechanic to change the flat tyre.
(Change into passive voice)
- (e) This is my sister. Her name is Ramsangi.
(Combine the sentences into Simple Sentence)

6. Rewrite/correct the sentences without changing their meaning. Avoid making unnecessary changes in the original sentence:

(10×1=10)

- (a) Its high time we go to sleep.
- (b) The successful candidate was surrounded by a crowd of well-wishers.
- (c) We could neither contact the Secretary nor the Under Secretary.
- (d) He refrains to do the work.
- (e) It can rain, the sky is so overcast.
- (f) One month after another have passed with no rain in sight.
- (g) No town in Mizoram is so scenic as Champhai.
- (h) In this letter, the sender has addressed about urban poverty.
- (i) The Director arrives usually around 8:50 AM.
- (j) It was both a long ceremony, and very tedious.

7. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verbs given in the brackets: **(10×1=10)**

“The fire _____ **(look)** very serious”, _____ **(say)** the young policeman. “I wonder why they _____ **(not order)** everyone to leave the building until the fire _____ **(to be extinguished)**.” Suddenly, a great tongue of flame _____ **(shoot)** out of a window on the fourth floor and the broken glass _____ **(begin)** to fall. I _____ **(look)** at the policeman and he _____ **(look)** at me. “Come on”, he said “Let us _____ **(go)** to see what has _____ **(happen)** there”.

8. As Secretary, General Administration Department, draft an Office Memorandum to all Heads of Department impressing upon them the need to exercise caution in using AI tools in the workplace.

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OR

As Secretary, Planning & Programme Implementation Department, draft an Office Memorandum to all Departments to conduct comprehensive checking to avoid overlap/duplication with other Departments, before submission of projects to Planning Department for funding. Include in the OM a format for conducting non-duplication check as an enclosure.

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