

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO

SUB-INSPECTOR (MINISTERIAL) UNDER HOME (POLICE) DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. MAY -2019

PAPER - V

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Compose an essay in which you develop your point of view on **any one** of the topics. Support your position with arguments and examples from your readings and observations. **(20)**
 - The benefits of teamwork.
 - Eat healthy to live healthy.
 - The negative effects of cell phones.
 - The importance of a good attitude.

2. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow based on your understanding in about 40-50 words. **(4×5=20)**

Care is life, but in our society we have diminished and subverted it. We have radically over valued competition, independence, self reliance, and aggression, making of them the organizing principles around which we construct our politics and policies, our ethics and even many of our personal relationships.

But no society, no individual, can function without care. That is why in so many respects our lives no longer seem to work : Why so many are so unfulfilled at work and at home, and why we complain that the people on whom we depend for gentleness and generosity , empathy and concern, no longer seem to have the time or energy to care. The social devaluation of care threatens to corrupt and compromise all who need it and all who give it.

There is a window on our disorder in the movie ‘ *Wall Street*’. It comes in a scene in which Charlie Sheen, the poor boy who made good as the young protégé of Michael Douglas and Daryl Hannah, the woman who is determined never to be a loser, engaged in an orgy of acquisition to decorate his newly purchased Manhattan apartment. They fill it with extravagantly expensive modern art, furnishings and the most up- to - date culinary gadgets. The only thing they lack is the time to enjoy the things they’ve worked so hard to acquire. They have a life-style but no life.

Too many of us have been reduced to a version of this emotional deprivation in the midst of apparent material plenty. We have children other people care for, friends we have no time to socialize with, and spouses about whom we complain but with whom we have no time to struggle to create more fulfilling relationships. We have also perhaps unwittingly and surely unwisely abdicated our moral responsibilities as citizens. Too many of us don’t even bother to vote these days, and too often those who do bother vote against not for those political candidates who would support an agenda on which care giving occupied a central place. Many citizens’ main concern is to pay less in taxes rather than to create a politics that will support the kind of caring culture that will nourish us all.

- (a) How have we diminished the importance of care in our modern society?
- (b) What is the main inference that the movie '*Wall Street*' aims to throw light on?
- (c) What has been the result of emotional deprivation in our relationships?
- (d) What does the author feel the society should do in regards to 'care' ?

3. Read the text below : (20)

- (a) Write a précis of the text in approximately 100 words or less .
- (b) Give your précis a title.

There is an enemy beneath our feet - an enemy more deadly for his complete impartiality. He recognizes no national boundaries, no political parties. Everyone in the world is threatened by him. The enemy is the earth itself. When an earthquake strikes, the world trembles. The power of a quake is greater than anything man himself can produce. But today scientists are directing a great deal of their effort into finding some way of combating earthquakes, and it is possible that at sometime in the near future mankind will have discovered a means of protecting itself from earthquakes. An earthquake strikes without warning. When it does, its power is immense. If it strikes a modern city, the damage it causes is as great as if it has struck a primitive village. Gas mains burst, explosions are caused and fires are started. Underground railways are wrecked. Buildings collapse, bridges fall, dams burst, gaping crevices appear in busy streets. If the quake strikes at sea, huge tidal waves sweep inland. If it strikes in mountain region, avalanches roar down into the valley. Consider the terrifying statistics from the past. In 1968 an earthquake occurred in Alaska. As this is a relatively unpopulated part, only a few people were killed. But it is likely that this is one of the most powerful quakes ever to have hit the world. Geologists estimate that during the tremors, the whole of the state moved over 80 feet further west into the Pacific Ocean. Imagine the power of something that can move an entire sub-continent! This is the problem that the scientists face. They are dealing with forces so immense that man cannot hope to resist them. All that can be done is to try to pinpoint where the earthquake will strike and take some precautionary measures to save lives and property.

4. Draft a passage from the following points given : (20)

Global warming - also referred to as climate change - rise in average global temperature - human activity responsible - deforestation - greenhouse gasses - burning of fossil fuels - environmental laws needed - fostering understanding and respect for our planet.

5. Choose the correct answer from the given options. (5×1=5)

- (a) You can divide these apples (among/between) the two of you.
- (b) He arrived late as (usual/usually).
- (c) Tom runs faster (than/then) John.
- (d) You must be careful or you may (loose/lose) your ticket.
- (e) Chester is (farther/further) away from finishing his project than Sam is.

6. Make sentences with *any five* (5) of the idioms and phrases to bring out their meanings. (5×2=10)

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| (a) To mean business | (b) Stand one's ground |
| (c) Blood sweat and tears | (d) Going places |
| (e) A piece of cake | (f) Fish out of water |
| (g) Tongue tied | (h) Look on the bright side |
| (i) Swallow one's pride | (j) Landslide victory |

7. Use the correct form of the verb given in the brackets.

(5×1=5)

- (a) I _____ to a great radio show on the way to work. (listen)
- (b) Do you still _____ to the badminton club. (belong)
- (c) The doctor advised him to stop _____. (smoke)
- (d) Look! Those bees _____ around the flowers. (buzz)
- (e) Mary told him what _____ to his lost dog. (happen)

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