

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO
ASSISTANT JAILOR UNDER HOME (PRISON) DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. MARCH - 2020

PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write the précis of the given passage not exceeding one-third of its length and suggest a suitable title: **(15)**

Cigarette smoking is one of the major killers in the world. The biggest side effect from smoking is cancer. Cancer is a group of many related diseases. All forms of cancer involve out-of-control growth and spread of abnormal cells. The risk of dying from lung cancer is 22 times higher for males, and 12 times higher for female smokers as oppose to non-smokers. Additionally, smokers are at an increased risk for cancer of the larynx, oral cavity, esophagus, bladder, kidney and pancreas.

Smoking causes a five-time increase in the risk of dying from chronic bronchitis and emphysema, and two times increase in deaths from diseases of the heart and coronary arteries. Smoking also increases the risk of stroke by 40-50% in men and 60% in women. Researchers have also proven that mothers who smoke while pregnancy or before they got pregnant usually give birth to babies with birth defects, who are premature or are underweight. This is probably because of a decrease in blood flow to the placenta.

Sometimes ex-smokers find that they have insomnia. This is because of the withdrawal from nicotine. After a week or two this should stop. Quitting can be stressful, so try to relieve the extra pleasure by doing stress busting breathing exercises such as yoga, and try listening to relaxing music. Once the body is free of nicotine, it absorbs twice as much as caffeine. It is best to avoid increasing coffee, tea, and cola intake.

Using tobacco increases a woman's risk of chronic health problems and premature death. Women who smoke greatly increase their risk of heart attack and stroke. Tobacco use has a very damaging effect on a woman's entire body, causing pregnancy problems, early menopause and reduced fertility. A major cancer that affects the reproductive health is cervical cancer. Tobacco use during pregnancy often results in severe retardation.

The exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) is referred to as second-hand smoke. Non-smokers who are exposed to ETS absorb just as much chemicals as mainstream smokers do. They do not receive them in such high concentrations, but even a little amount is enough to be fatal. ETS causes at least 3000 deaths due to lung cancer in non-smokers. If there are family members in a household and they smoke, it is absorbed in the furniture and the surroundings and is always there so long as the members keep smoking. It is especially harmful for children, and senior citizens or pets, even if the smoking is not done near them. (419 words)

2. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics in not less than 700 words: **(30)**
- (a) Future of Network Marketing in Mizoram.
 - (b) Promotion of football in Mizoram.
 - (c) Country life versus city life.
 - (d) Should plastic be banned?

3. Considering the need to set up spoken Hindi classes for all non-Hindi speakers, draft an Office Memorandum from the Ministry of Home Affairs to all State Secretariat Employees that they should attend Hindi classes under the following arrangements: **(20)**
- (a) Classes will be held three times a week for an hour during office hours.
 - (b) Rooms should be set apart for the classes.
 - (c) The Ministry of Home Affairs would be charged with implementing the scheme.
 - (d) Only trained and experienced Hindi teachers would be recruited.
4. Insert correct forms of prepositions to the following sentences: **(5)**
- (a) He supplied the poor _____ clothing.
 - (b) Silk-worms feed _____ mulberry leaves.
 - (c) The doctor cured him _____ asthma.
 - (d) He is bound _____ a contract.
 - (e) I had difficulty _____ finding his address.
5. Change the voice in the following sentences: **(5)**
- (a) The legend tells us how the castle received its name.
 - (b) The public will learn with astonishment that war is imminent.
 - (c) All desire wealth and some acquire it.
 - (d) Shall I ever forget those happy days?
 - (e) His subordinates accused him of various offences.
6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate adverbs: **(5)**
- (a) The load is _____ heavy for a horse.
 - (b) He spoke _____ angrily.
 - (c) This is a house large _____ for our purpose.
 - (d) I shall _____ miss him.
 - (e) He _____ spoke to anyone.
7. Turn the following into Indirect Speech: **(5)**
- (a) 'Do you suppose you know better than your own father?' jeered his angry mother.
 - (b) She said, 'I have passed the examination.'
 - (c) The teacher promised, 'If you will come before school tomorrow, I will explain it'
 - (d) The magistrate said to the prisoner, 'What are you doing with your hand in the gentleman's pocket?'
 - (e) The speaker said, 'It gives me great pleasure to be here this evening.'
8. Correct the following sentences: **(5)**
- (a) The sceneries here are very good.
 - (b) I want that you should meet him.
 - (c) Had he worked hard, he might have passed.
 - (d) He was displeased with me leaving the class.
 - (e) Even with the dearness allowance added to my salary I cannot make both the ends meet.
9. Make sentences with the following words to bring out their differences in meaning: **(5×2=10)**
- (a) Principle; Principal
 - (b) Formally; Formerly
 - (c) Eligible; Illegible
 - (d) Access; Excess
 - (e) Altar; Alter