MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TECHNICAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF
GRADE-V OF MIZORAM HORTICULTURE SERVICE
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GENERAL ENGLISH
PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 3 hours Full Marks : 100

Marks for each question are indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write the plural form of the following nouns: (5×1=5)
   (a) Brother-in-law
   (b) Canto
   (c) Louse
   (d) Agendum
   (e) Analysis

2. Name the part of speech of each underlined word in the following sentences: (10×1=10)
   (a) His courage won him honour.
   (b) I ran fast, but I missed the bus.
   (c) Hurrah! Mizoram team has won the championship.
   (d) The old man sat under the oak tree.
   (e) Kima is absent because he is ill.
   (f) Mumbai is a big city.
   (g) Mawii pronounced the word quite correctly.
   (h) He died a glorious death.
   (i) The Jury found the prisoner guilty.
   (j) Iron and copper are useful metals.

3. Fill in the blanks with the more appropriate form of adjective given in the bracket: (10×1=10)
   (a) Ruata prefers the ________ proposition to the former. (later/latter)
   (b) Sanga is ________ than Kima by five years. (elder/older)
   (c) That is Sam, the minister’s ________ son. (oldest/eldest)
   (d) I can’t run any ________. (further/farther)
   (e) The Director walked off without ________ ceremony. (further/farther)
   (f) The ________ news from Assam is quiet disquieting. (latest/last)
   (g) The rapist was taken to the ________ police station. (nearest/near)
   (h) Lead is the ________ of all metals. (heavier/heaviest)
   (i) He is ________ than I expected. (later/latter)
   (j) Today is the ________ day for receiving applications. (latest/last)
4. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.  
(a) His professional ability proves that he is cut __________ for this job.
(b) The History of Hindu religion dates __________ ancient times.
(c) Nothing can deter him ________ pursuing his dreams.
(d) The problem of communal harmony cannot be glossed ________ by the government.
(e) Many Russians name their children ________ Indians.
(f) At the sight of his former wife he flew ________ a rage.
(g) Quinine is an effective antidote ________ malaria.
(h) He decided to enter ________ a new course of life.
(i) Learn to grapple ________ the problems of life.
(j) Everyone was amused ________ her ignorance of simple facts of life.

5. Choose the correct verb from those in brackets:  
(a) I ________ (know/have known/am knowing) John for a long time.
(b) Sawmi ________ TV most evenings. (watches/is watching/is watch)
(c) The principal ________ to speak to you. (wants/is wanting/was wanting)
(d) She ________ unconscious since four 0’clock. (is/ was/has been)
(e) Look! The sun ________ over the hills. (rises/is rise/is rising)
(f) This paper ________ twice weekly. (is appearing/appearing/appears)
(g) Did you think you ________ me somewhere before? (have seen/had seen/were seeing)
(h) I’m sure she ________ her exam. (passes/will pass)
(i) Hurry up! The programme ________ . (will start/is about to start)
(j) This book is not long. I ________ it by lunch time. (will be reading/will have read)

6. Change the following active sentences into passive sentences.  
(a) She writes a letter.
(b) He does not help me.
(c) Children are flying kites.
(d) Someone broke this window.
(e) I don’t know him.

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions.  
(a) He is slow ________ he is sure.
(b) Make hay ________ the sun shines.
(c) She works hard ________ she may pass.
(d) Do ________ you are advised.
(e) I would rather die ________ beg.

8. Convert the following simple sentences into compound sentences.  
(a) You must work hard to escape failure.
(b) In spite of hard work he failed.
(c) He was arrested for the theft.
(d) To my great disappointment he did not come.
(e) Besides being intelligent, he is hard working also.
9. Transform the following simple sentences into complex sentences. \(5 \times 2 = 10\)
   (a) He confessed his guilt.
   (b) He wished to serve his country.
   (c) Good boys work hard.
   (d) The train started on my arrival at the station.
   (e) He worked hard to win a scholarship.

10. Synthesize the following compound sentences into complex sentences. \(5 \times 2 = 10\)
    (a) Work hard and you will succeed.
    (b) Drive the work or the work will drive you.
    (c) He is rich but he is mean.
    (d) He has deceived me and he knows it.
    (e) Leave the room or I shall turn you out.

11. Make meaningful sentences to show distinction between the following pair of words: \(5 \times 2 = 10\)
    (a) Alter; altar
    (b) Bare; bear
    (c) Cannon; canon
    (d) Principal; principle
    (e) Stationery; stationary

12. Make sentences using the following words. \(5 \times 1 = 5\)
    (a) Fragile
    (b) Elite
    (c) Echo
    (d) Staunch
    (e) Endorse

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