

# MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF TUTOR UNDER HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT (MCON), GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, SEPTEMBER, 2019

### GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

*Figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.  
Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay on any one of the given topics not less than 300 words: **(20)**
  - Health is Wealth
  - Impact of personal habits on health of a person
  - The responsibility of man on saving the environment
  - Environmental pollution and its ill-effect on man

2. Read the following passage carefully and write a précis in about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the original giving suitable title for the same. **(10)**

The effect produced on the mind by travelling depends entirely on the mind of the traveller and on the way in which he conducts himself. The chief idea of one very common type of traveler is to see as many objects of interest as he possibly can. If he can only after his return home say that he has seen such and such a temple, castle, picture gallery, or museum, he is perfectly satisfied. Therefore, when he arrives at a famous city, he rushes through it, so that he may get over as quickly as possible the task of seeing its principal sights, enter them by name in his note book as visited and then hurry on to another city which he treats in the same unceremonious way.

Another kind of traveler in all he sees finds entertainment for his foolish spirit of ridicule. The more hallowed any object is from historical and religious associations or artistic beauty, the more he delights to degrade it by applying to it familiar terms of vulgar slang that he mistakes for wit. Such a one brings disgrace upon his nation by the rude insolence with which he laughs at foreigners and their ways, and everything else that attracts the notice of his feeble understanding.

Far different is the effect of travels upon who leave their native country with minds prepared by culture to feel intelligent admiration for all the beauties of nature and art to be found in foreign lands. Their object is not to see much, but to see well. When they visit Paris or Athens or Rome, instead of hurrying from temple to museum, and from museum to picture gallery, they allow the spirit of the place to sink into their minds, and only visit such monuments as the time they have at their disposal allows them to contemplate without irreverent haste. They settle down for a week or so at centres of great historical and artistic interest or of remarkable natural beauty. In this way they gain by their travels refreshment and rest for their minds, satisfaction to their intellectual curiosity or artistic tastes, and increased knowledge of the world and its inhabitants. Such people return to their native land with a greater knowledge of its glories and defects than the stay-at-home can ever have.

3. Write a letter to the Director of Education, applying for appointment as a teacher in the Education Department of the state. **(10)**

4. Expand the idea contained in the following line into one full paragraph. (10)  
“Where there’s a will there’s a way.”
5. Read carefully to comprehend the given passages and answer the questions that follow. Marks are indicated at the end of each question. (10)

Football is a popular sport in India. Football has enjoyed popularity in Kerala, West Bengal, Goa and North-eastern India which consists of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. India’s current top domestic league, I-League, was formed in 2007 in an attempt to professionalize domestic football. In 2013 the Indian Super League was formed as an unrecognized professional league with 8 teams to promote Indian football in the country and world. After three seasons, the Indian Super League was recognized as a top tier league, running in parallel with the I-League, thus leaving India as one of the few countries with two fully recognized top tier leagues. Also contested is Santosh Trophy, a knock-out competition between States and government institutions. The current captain of the Indian National team is Sunil Chhetri. India is currently ranked 103 among the FIFA World Rankings.

The 2017 FIFA U-17 World cup was hosted by India in the month of October in 2017 and the first time the country had hosted a FIFA event. The tournament was touted as the most successful FIFA U-17 World Cup ever, with attendance being a record 1,347,133 surpassing China’s 1985 edition where it was 1,230,976. India is also going to host the 2019 FIFA U-20 World Cup and is considering a bid for the 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup.

Questions:

- (a) What are the Indian states that enjoy popularity in football? (2)  
(b) Why and when was India’s domestic I-League formed? (2)  
(c) How did India become one of the few countries with two fully recognized top tier leagues? (2)  
(d) Who is the captain of the Indian National team and what is India’s FIFA ranking? (2)  
(e) When was the FIFA U-17 held in India and why was it touted as the most successful FIFA U-17 World Cup ever? (2)

**Direction Questions No. 6 - 19 : Identify the parts of Speech of the underlined words and pick out the correct answers from the given choices: (14×1=14)**

6. Your kindness is highly appreciated.  
(a) Noun (b) Adjective  
(c) Verb (d) Adverb
7. Off she goes to school.  
(a) Pronoun (b) Preposition  
(c) Adjective (d) Verb
8. Try to come before it rains.  
(a) Adverb (b) Preposition  
(c) Verb (d) Noun
9. Hand it to the one next to you.  
(a) Verb (b) Adverb  
(c) Noun (d) Adjective
10. Minto is a lovely child.  
(a) Verb (b) Adverb  
(c) Noun (d) Adjective

11. Come fast.  
(a) Verb (b) Adverb  
(c) Noun (d) Pronoun
12. What! That cannot be.  
(a) Preposition (b) Interjection  
(c) Conjunction (d) Interrogative
13. Hers as well as mine will be counted.  
(a) Conjunction (b) Preposition  
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
14. You are busy but you must see it for yourself.  
(a) Adjective (b) Preposition  
(c) Conjunction (d) Pronoun
15. The situation is highly sensitive.  
(a) Verb (b) Adverb  
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun
16. One must learn to look beyond borders.  
(a) Interjection (b) Conjunction  
(c) Pronoun (d) Preposition
17. Give me some apples.  
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun  
(c) Verb (d) Adjective
18. Rainy days are lily days.  
(a) Adjective (b) Adverb  
(c) Verb (d) Noun
19. He walked across the wide and rough terrain.  
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun  
(c) Verb (d) Adverb

**Direction Questions No. 20 - 29 : Choose the correct verbs or verb forms in agreement with the subject from the options provided: (10×1=10)**

20. The quality of melons \_\_\_\_\_ not good.  
(a) was (b) are  
(c) were
21. Fire and water \_\_\_\_\_ not agree.  
(a) does (b) do  
(c) have
22. The horse and carriage \_\_\_\_\_ at the door.  
(a) is (b) are  
(c) were

23. My friend and benefactor \_\_\_\_\_ come.  
(a) have (b) is  
(c) has
24. The house, with its contents, \_\_\_\_\_ insured.  
(a) were (b) was  
(c) have been
25. Sanskrit, as well as English, \_\_\_\_\_ taught here.  
(a) is (b) are  
(c) have been
26. Neither praise nor blame \_\_\_\_\_ to affect him.  
(a) seem (b) seems  
(c) will be
27. Either he or I \_\_\_\_\_ mistaken.  
(a) is (b) are  
(c) am
28. Each of these substances \_\_\_\_\_ found in India.  
(a) are (b) is  
(c) were
29. The wages of sin \_\_\_\_\_ death.  
(a) are (b) is  
(c) were

**Direction Questions Nos. 30 - 45 : Pick out the nearest in meaning of the words in Italics from the choices provided. (16×1=16)**

30. Recently my expences have *run up* considerably.  
(a) decreased (b) increased  
(c) squandered away
31. He *saw through* the trick.  
(a) detected (b) observed  
(c) chanced through
32. Betty *takes after* her father.  
(a) followed (b) enthuses  
(c) resembles
33. The NGOs *worked upon* the stubborn and ignorant villages.  
(a) influenced (b) pacified  
(c) worked for
34. The piano *takes up* too much room.  
(a) overshadows (b) occupies  
(c) lightens

35. You cannot always *go by* appearances.  
(a) Look at (b) judge from  
(c) distinguish from
36. He *looks down upon* his poor cousins.  
(a) takes care (b) despises  
(c) loves all
37. Please *hear me out*.  
(a) hear me to the end (b) listen to me now  
(c) listen attentively
38. I am told that you have got *into hot water*.  
(a) into a heated argument (b) into a warm environment  
(c) into trouble
39. I *smell a rat*.  
(a) have reason to suspect something (b) have an uneasy feeling  
(c) have every reason to kill a rat
40. He *stands well with* his master.  
(a) stands in front of (b) is on an equal footing with  
(c) is well thought of by
41. She sometimes reads 6 hours *at a stretch*.  
(a) without any stretch (b) rapidly  
(c) continuously
42. It *goes to his heart* to see much misery.  
(a) Touches him deeply (b) has heart attack  
(c) heart is weak
43. They will surely *come to grief* if they follow his advice.  
(a) be joyous (b) be ruined  
(c) be merry
44. She'll tidy up her room *when pigs fly*.  
(a) soon (b) something that will never happen  
(c) when encouraged
45. I know my friend *keeps a good table*.  
(a) Keeps neat and tidy (b) entertains guests sumptuously  
(c) keep food on table