

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF**  
**TOURIST OFFICER UNDER TOURISM DEPARTMENT,**  
**GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, DECEMBER- 2020.**

**GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER-I**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

*Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics: (25)
- Battling Covid 19 in India
  - Importance of Tourism in India
  - A Good Eating Joint in my city
  - Earthquakes and their potential danger

2. Write a précis of the given passage: (15)

IT is a great point then to enlarge the range of studies which a university professes, even for the sake of the students; and, though they cannot pursue every subject which is open to them, they will be the gainers by living among those and under those who represent the whole circle. This I conceive to be the advantage of a seat of universal learning, considered as a place of education. An assemblage of learned men, zealous for their own sciences, and rivals of each other, are brought, by familiar intercourse and for the sake of intellectual peace, to adjust together the claims and relations of their respective subjects of investigation. They learn to respect, to consult, to aid each other. Thus is created a pure and clear atmosphere of thought, which the student also breathes, though in his own case he pursues only a few sciences out of the multitude. He profits by an intellectual tradition which is independent of particular teachers, which guides him in his choice of subjects, and duly interprets for him those which he chooses. He apprehends the great outlines of knowledge, the principles on which it rests, the scale of its parts, its lights and its shades, its great points and its little, as he otherwise cannot apprehend them. Hence it is that his education is called "liberal." A habit of mind is formed which lasts through life, of which the attributes are, freedom, equitableness, calmness, moderation, and wisdom; or what in a former discourse I have ventured to call a philosophical habit. This then I would assign as the special fruit of the education furnished at a university, as contrasted with other places of teaching or modes of teaching. This is the main purpose of a university in its treatment of its students.

3. Write a letter to a young relative of yours telling him about the dangers of driving without a licence.

**OR**

You ordered a computer set using your credit card on the net. While placing the order, you were informed that it will be delivered within five days of the payment. It has been more than a month and you have not received any consignment. Write a letter to the Sales Manager seeking explanation and demand 10% of refund as compensation on the total amount. (15)

4. Make meaningful sentences with the given idioms and phrases: (7×2=14)

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| (a) Costs an arm and a leg | (b) Break a leg    |
| (c) A dime a dozen         | (d) A wake-up call |
| (e) Achille's heel         | (f) Blow off steam |
| (g) Dutch uncle            |                    |

5. Expand the following passages to bring out the idea in them: (3×5=15)
- (a) The boughs that bear most hang lowest
  - (b) He that stays in the valley will not get over the hill
  - (c) Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress

6. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

As an introvert, Marti Olsen Laney knows how difficult it can be to socialize. She sometimes heads straight for the bathroom the second she arrives at a party. But she's not exactly paralyzed in a crowd. In fact, the California psychologist seemed entirely at ease last week as she addressed about 20 people who turned out for her discussion of the introverted personality. Perhaps predictably, those in the audience did not sit close to each other. But that's OK. Really. The author of *Introvert Advantage* revealed that being introverted is quite normal. "We've all grown up in an extroverted society," Olsen Laney said. "There really is quite a concept of negativity attached to introverts." Many people prefer to spend time alone, work better independently than in group settings, and cherish celebrating birthdays with close friends rather than with large groups. This introverted personality is often stereotyped as unstable, lonely, and antisocial, but Olsen Laney said there are many advantages to being introverted. She said introverts are likely to be resilient, determined, good listeners, creative thinkers, and very knowledgeable about themselves. "Introverts think outside the box. They also express themselves better in writing than in speech," Olsen Laney said.

Introversion may affect one's family life if there is a clash of extroverted parents with introverted kids. It may also impact one's career if a boss does not think an introverted employee contributes enough, because introverts tend to keep information to themselves. This behaviour is often mistaken for aloofness. "If you just ask them, it's amazing what ideas they'll tell you," she said. Still, Olsen Laney said there are ways for introverts to cope with uncomfortable social functions without mentally breaking down. She said they can be social at events where there is interesting conversation, but not when it's a party that they feel is meaningless. "Introverted people don't like to be interrupted because it's hard to find your train of thought again," she said. "A lot of the reasons introverted people are seen the way they are is because chitchat is totally unrewarding for our system." Olsen Laney recommended that introverts restore body energy by taking breaks and spending quiet time alone to shut out extra stimuli so they don't become overwhelmed or feel the need to change themselves. "All introverts have to be extroverted in their life without having to change completely," she said. "It's important to find the balance of having an occupation where you can be extroverted and still have time for yourself."

Answer the questions:

- (a) Is Marti Olsen an extrovert or an introvert? Pick the appropriate sentence. (2)
- (b) How do introverts generally feel about working or socializing in groups? (2)
- (c) What are the good qualities of introverts according to the passage? (2)
- (d) What are some problems that introverts encounter in society? (2)
- (e) Give a suitable title to the passage. Give reasons for your choice. (2)
- (f) Find words or phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following : (6×1=6)
  - (i) unable to move or speak
  - (ii) thinking creatively
  - (iii) unfriendly
  - (iv) have an effect on
  - (v) feeling uneasy
  - (vi) fixed image of