

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO
JUNIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM SECRETARIAT SERVICE
MAY, 2018

PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Marks for each question is indicated against it.
Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay in about 1000 words on any one (1) of the given topics: (25)
 - Do not kill your Mother Tongue.
 - Why should we proud of being Indians?
 - Need for transparency in Public Administration

2. Write a precis of the following passage in about one third of its original length. Supply a suitable title: (15)

I take it that the whole object of education is, the first place, to train the faculties of the young in such a manner as to give their possessors the best chance of being happy and useful in their generation. And, in the second place, to furnish them with the most important portions of the immense capitalized experience of the human race which we call knowledge of various kinds. I am using the term knowledge in its widest possible sense; and the question is, what subjects to select by training and discipline, in which the object I have just defined may be best attained.

I must call further attention to this fact, that all the subjects of our thoughts – all feelings and propositions (leaving aside our sensations as the mere materials and occasions of thinking and feeling), all our mental furniture – may be classified under one of two heads – as either within the province of feeling, or that which, before the name was defined, was called the aesthetic side of our nature, and which can neither be proved nor disproved, but only felt and known.

According to the classification which I have put before you, then, the subjects of all knowledge are divisible into two groups, matters of science and matters of art; for all things with which the reasoning faculty alone is occupied, come under the province of science. And in the broadest sense, and not in the narrow and technical sense in which we are now accustomed to use the word art, all things feelable, all things which stir our emotions, come under the term of art, in the sense of the subject-matter of the aesthetic faculty. So that we are shut up to this – that the business of education is, in the first place, to provide the young with the means and the habit of observation, and, secondly to supply the subject-matter of knowledge either in the shape of science or of art, or both combined.

3. As the Chief Secretary, Govt of Mizoram, draft a letter/notification to all District Magistrates/ Deputy Commissioner to take action against all officials responsible for clearing, sanctioning and construction of several housing colonies in the low-lying areas of South Mizoram which was worst affected in the recent floods.(This should be done by screening all the relevant files to fix responsibility) (20)
4. Make meaningful sentences with the given **IDIOMS** (5×2=10)
- (a) A red letter day (b) Rank and file
(c) To smell a rat (d) Fair weather friend
(e) White elephant
5. Change the following sentences from **Direct into Indirect** Narration. (5×2=10)
- (a) He said, "I have completed my work with my own hard labour".
(b) The Doctor said to the patient, "Do not smoke so long as you are under my treatment".
(c) He said to his friends, "Let us go on a picnic".
(d) The teacher said, "How can you prove that the earth is round"?
(e) My father said to him, "You seem to be proud of your strength".
6. Correct the following sentences : (5×1=5)
- (a) He is the most richest man in the town (b) These kind of books are not available
(c) She looked coldly and indifferently (d) These sort of men are dangerous
(e) She is the sweetest and noble girl
7. Underline the **-ing** words and mention whether they are gerund or participle : (5×1=5)
- (a) Smoking is injurious to health. (b) Walking is considered the best exercise
(c) The farmer was on his dying bed. (d) He walks with a walking stick.
(e) Giving to the poor is always blessed.
8. Fill in the blanks with the correct **prepositions** : (10×1=10)
- (a) The river flows _____ the bridge.
(b) He does not go to Office _____ 10:30 O'clock.
(c) The public are cautioned _____ pickpockets.
(d) The house was destroyed _____ fire.
(e) He found himself helpless _____ the strangers.
(f) I always count _____ your advice.
(g) The tiger was killed _____ the hunter. _____ the sword.
(h) Our path is beset _____ difficulties.
(i) I started painting _____ my childhood.
(j) Sometimes facts are stranger _____ fiction.