

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS OF LOWER DIVISION CLERK FOR PROMOTION TO UPPER DIVISION CLERK UNDER VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. OCTOBER, 2015

PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100 PM : 35

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay on any one of the given topics: (30)
- (a) Photography versus painting
 - (b) The Press – uses and abuses
 - (c) Future of English in Mizoram

2. Ten days ago your company has bought 30 computer sets from T&C Computers, Bara Bazar. 5 of the computers do not function satisfactorily. As Secretary of your company, write a letter to the sellers giving the details and asking that either it be repaired or replaced at their own cost. (20)

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

Is good health to be found in a chemist's shop? Most of us believe that various kinds of drugs make up a safe prescription for health. Although this is particularly so in cities and towns, villagers too tend to feel that medicine will cure all ills. Doctors who do not give tablets, mixtures and even injections are often looked upon with suspicion. And if the medicines do not bring about a cure, people think that it was the wrong medicine or the doctor did not get the best drug. The need for medication itself is rarely questioned. The indiscriminate use of medicines is not only wasteful, and perhaps, dangerous, it also engulfs and obscures the genuine need for vital lifesaving drugs. For some, the use of a particular medicine may indeed be a case of life and death, but in most cases, people use unnecessary or useless medicines. The irresponsible use of antibiotics is the commonest form of drug misuse with disastrous results. Doctors, chemists and the public are all to blame for this. The doctors often prescribe dangerous, banned drugs out of ignorance because nobody informs them about these drugs. Manufacturers are primarily interested in improving their sales and have no concern for good health. Drug advertisements are often misleading. Unless people are better informed and begin to question the need for medication, they will continue to use harmful and useless medicines.

4. Insert appropriate articles: (5×1=5)
- (a) He was driving the car at 80 km _____ hour.
 - (b) I first saw the Himalayas _____ year ago.
 - (c) I have _____ liking for this kind of dress.
 - (d) The guide knows _____ way to the caves.
 - (e) This is _____ honorary job.

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct parts of speech: (5×1=5)
- (a) The car skidded _____ the hill.
 - (b) You must _____ work or face dismissal.
 - (c) He arrived _____ the appointed time.
 - (d) There should be _____ leaders like him.
 - (e) He wants 100 rupees for that chain. He won't accept_____.
6. Rewrite the following sentences as directed: (5×1=5)
- (a) The box contains coins. (change into passive voice)
 - (b) "Which book should I read?" Jonathan asked. (change into reported speech)
 - (c) This work will have to be finished by tomorrow. (change into active voice)
 - (d) He asked me if I could sing and I said no.(change into direct form of narration)
 - (e) No other boy in the class is as good as he. (use the superlative degree of 'good')
7. Translate the following sentences into English: (5×2=10)
- (a) A hausa viau a mahse a lungawi lo.
 - (b) I hlawhtlin chuan kan lawm hle ang.
 - (c) He parcel hi khawngaih takin min pek sak thei ang em?
 - (d) In in chu a mawi hle mai!
 - (e) Chetsualna thlen avanga rawn kal tlai a ni.
8. Translate the following sentences into Mizo: (5×2=10)
- (a) It is very hot today!
 - (b) Do not waste time in watching TV.
 - (c) "Please open the door", Jerry said to Tom.
 - (d) Do you know swimming?
 - (e) I prefer writing to reading.

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