

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR JUNIOR GRADE OF M.E.S.**  
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**GENERAL ENGLISH**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100

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

1. Write an essay on **any one** of the following- **(20)**
- Natural Calamity – A havoc upon mankind
  - Mobile Phone – A Necessary Evil
  - The Menace of Drug Addiction in Mizo society

2. Write a précis of the following passage. Provide a suitable title. **(20)**

We all know what we mean by a ‘good’ man. The ideally good man does not drink or smoke, avoids bad language, converses in the presence of men only exactly as he would if there were ladies present, attends church regularly and holds the correct opinion on all subjects. He has a wholesome horror of wrong-doing and realizes that it is our painful duty to castigate sin. He has a still greater horror of wrong thinking, and considers it the business of the authorities to safeguard the young against these who question the wisdom of the views generally accepted by middle-aged successful citizens. Apart from his professional duties, at which he is assiduous, he spends much time in good works, he may encourage patriotism and military training, he may promote industry, sobriety and virtue among wage earners and their children by seeing to it that failures in these respects receive due punishment, he may be a trustee of a university and prevent an ill-judged respect for learning from allowing the employment of professors with subversive ideas. Above all, of course, his ‘morals’ in the narrow sense must be irreproachable.

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end. **(5×4=20)**

Socialism aims, then, at substituting the motive of social service for the motive of private profit. It holds that men will do better work to make the good life, with the leisure and financial competence it requires, possible for a society. In fact in the long run it is better for themselves, then they will at present consent to do for a society which compels them to enrich the exploiters of their labour in order to avoid starvation for themselves. If socialism is wrong in making this assumption, if the psychology of human being is such that they will not work willingly and well for society but only for themselves, then the whole of the socialist edifice falls to the ground for this doctrine is the foundation upon which it rests. Either men are socially minded in the sense described, or they are not, and cannot be made so.

- (a) What is the chief aim of socialism ?
- (b) Why are men expected to work better in a socialist set up ?
- (c) How does the present work that we do for ourselves benefit the exploiters ?
- (d) What is the basic assumption of socialism that can make it work ?
- (e) How can socialistic attitude be developed in the citizens ?

4. Pick the correct answer and fill in the blanks.

(10×1=10)

- (a) Where are your \_\_\_\_\_ ? ( luggage / luggages )
- (b) The novelist and poet \_\_\_\_\_ dead. ( is / are )
- (c) Great pains \_\_\_\_\_ been taken. ( have / has )
- (d) She is one of the best mothers that \_\_\_\_\_ ever lived. ( has / have )
- (e) What beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ ! ( sceneries / scenery )
- (f) There \_\_\_\_\_ little hope of his recovery. ( are / is )
- (g) The quality of these books \_\_\_\_\_ not good. ( is / are )
- (h) Act of \_\_\_\_\_ negligence are punishable by law. ( willing / willful )
- (i) Poets often \_\_\_\_\_ to great heights of imagination. ( sore / soar )
- (j) Politics \_\_\_\_\_ with him the business of his life. ( was / were )

5. Provide one word for each of them.

(5×1=5)

- (a) One who pretends to be somebody.
- (b) A connoisseur of food.
- (c) One who does not read or write.
- (d) One who dies for a noble cause.
- (e) One who is unable to pay his debt.

6. Select the word most similar in meaning.

(5×1=5)

- (a) Prosaic -
  - (i) uninspiring
  - (ii) poetic
  - (iii) exotic
  - (iv) imaginative
- (b) Premonition –
  - (i) insight
  - (ii) forewarning
  - (iii) scope
  - (iv) uncertainty
- (c) Admonish -
  - (i) warn
  - (ii) escape
  - (iii) worship
  - (iv) disown
- (d) Relish -
  - (i) realize
  - (ii) reveal
  - (iii) enjoy
  - (iv) taste
- (e) Debonair -
  - (i) bedridden
  - (ii) elegant
  - (iii) candid
  - (iv) dull

7. Give the antonyms of the following.

(5×2=10)

- (a) Abominable
- (b) Authentic
- (c) Deficient
- (d) Perseverance
- (e) Vanity

8. Use the following idioms and phrases to make sentences.

((5×2=10)

- (a) Win laurels
- (b) Win hands down
- (c) Steal someone's thunder
- (d) Take with a pinch of salt
- (e) Go to the dogs