

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT UNDER GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM JUNE, 2014

PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 125

Marks for each question are indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay on any one of the following: (25)

- (a) Health and how to preserve it
- (b) Rebuilding a new and clean Mizoram
- (c) Religion and State
- (d) 21st century - a century for youths

2. Write a précis of the following passage. Supply a suitable title. (25)

It no doubt true that we cannot go through life without sorrow. There can be no sunshine without shadow. We must not complain that roses have thorns, but rather be grateful that thorns bear flowers. Our existence here is so complex that we must expect much sorrow and suffering. Many people distress and torment themselves about the mystery of existence. But although a good man may at times be angry with the world, it is certain that no man was ever discontented with the world who did his duty in it. The world is like a looking glass: if you smile, it smiles; if you frown it frowns back. If you look at it through a red glass, all seems red and rosy; if through a blue, all blue; if through a smoked one, all dull and dingy. Always try then to look at the bright side of things; almost everything in the world has a bright side. There are some persons whose smile, the sound of whose voice; whose very presence seems like a ray of sunshine, and brightens a whole room. Greet everybody with a bright smile, kind words and a pleasant welcome. It is not enough to love those who are near and dear to us. We must show that we do so. While, however, we should be grateful, and enjoy to the full the innumerable blessings of life, we cannot expect to have no sorrow and anxieties. Life has been described as a comedy to those who think, and a tragedy to those who feel. It is indeed a tragedy at times and a comedy very often, but as a rule it is what we choose to make it.

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition (10×1=10)

- (a) He was accused _____ murder.
- (b) I insisted _____ his going there.
- (c) Our parents did not approve _____ our conduct.
- (d) How does this differ _____ the other?
- (e) We must abide _____ the rule.
- (f) The woman has no control _____ her tongue.
- (g) She is wanting _____ common sense.
- (h) I sympathise _____ you in your sorrow.
- (i) This forest abounds _____ wild animals.
- (j) Greedy people always hanker _____ money

4. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verbs given in brackets (5)

- (a) Look! Smoke _____ (come) out of the window.
- (b) At this time tomorrow I _____ (sit) in the bus.
- (c) The nurse _____ (look) after the children.
- (d) He has _____ a fancy to the pretty girl (take).
- (e) That girl _____ a good singer (be).

5. Correct the following sentences without changing their meaning (10×1=10)

- (a) He is one of the villagers who is trustworthy.
- (b) Every festival are different in my country.
- (c) It is a month since they left the place.
- (d) You must distribute the sweets between the whole class.
- (e) Neither the husband nor the wife were at home.
- (f) I have a strong headache.
- (g) Your pen is superior than mine.
- (h) He is more wiser than me.
- (i) Shakespeare is greater than any dramatist.
- (j) Radha is the eldest of the two sisters.

6. Insert articles where needed (10×1=10)

There was _____ article about pollution in _____ paper. _____ ozone layer will continue to disappear if we don't find _____ way to stop it. _____ world's weather is changing. Pollution is having _____ effect on our climate. Last week _____ oil tanker spills into _____ sea, damaging wild life. Some people have signed _____ letter of protest and have sent it to _____ government.

7. Rewrite the following sentences as directed (10×1=10)

- (a) Someone is knocking on the door. (*to passive voice*)
- (b) In spite of old age, he can run fast. (*to compound*)
- (c) Go wherever your leader goes. (*to simple*)
- (d) Is the baby loved by you? (*to active voice*)
- (e) He said to me that he lived in Aizawl for five year. (*to direct speech*)
- (f) The old man said, "Alas! I am undone." (*to indirect speech*)
- (g) He died in his native village. (*to complex*)
- (h) He will do it. (*to passive voice*)
- (i) The match can be won by our team. (*to active voice*)
- (j) The queen said to the maid, "Bring my Crown." (*to indirect speech*)

8. Expand the idea contained in any two of the following (2×5=10)

- (a) A stitch in time saves nine.
- (b) Make hay while the sun shines.
- (c) Slow and steady wins the race.
- (d) Fortune favours the brave.

9. Make meaningful sentences to show distinction between the following pair of words (5×2=10)

- (a) Eligible; illegible
- (b) Dairy; diary
- (c) Eminent; imminent
- (d) Heal; heel
- (e) Fare; fair

10. Make sentences with any five of the following idioms and phrases (5×2=10)

- (a) Fool's paradise
- (b) To kick the bucket
- (c) In the soup
- (d) To paint the town red
- (e) To end in smoke
- (f) Fair and square
- (g) A wolf in sheep's clothing
- (h) A Herculean task

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