

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TECHNICAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTOR UNDER GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM JANUARY, 2014

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay on any one of the topics given below: (15)
- (a) Patriotism
 - (b) Road tax system of Mizoram
 - (c) Electronic Voting Machines : Election 2013

2. Write a précis of the give passage : (10)

The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or his daughter, that he has reared with loving care, may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to our faith. The money that a man has, may be lost. It flies away from him perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honour when success is with us, may be the first to throw stones of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads.

The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, when the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he could be by his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world.

He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless, homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard him against danger and to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace, and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by the graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even into death.

3. Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Government of Mizoram, commenting on the heavy traffic jams in the city and suggesting improvements for the same. (10)

4. Construct sentences with any five of the given idioms and phrases : (5×2=10)
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| (a) A dead letter | (b) To mind ones p's and q's |
| (c) To eat a humble pie | (d) In lieu of |
| (e) Epoch making | (f) High and dry |
| (g) At sixes and sevens | (h) French leave |
| (i) Plain sailing | (j) To lose heart |

5. Expand any one of the following in about 100 words to complete composition : (10)
- (a) Knowledge is power.
(b) Too many cooks spoil the broth.
(c) A stitch in time saves nine.

6. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

Punctuality is a necessary habit in all public affairs of a civilized society. Without it, nothing could ever be brought to a conclusion, everything would be in a state of chaos. Only in a sparsely populated rural community, it is possible to disregard it. In ordinary living, there can be some tolerance of unpunctuality. The intellectual, who is working on some obtruse problem, has everything coordinated and organized for the matter in hand. He is therefore forgiven, if late for the dinner party. But people are often reproached for unpunctuality when their only fault is cutting things fine. It is hard for energetic, quick-minded people to waste time, so they are often tempted to finish a job before setting out to keep an appointment. If no accidents occur on the way, like punctured tyres, diversion of traffic, sudden descent of fog, they will be on time. They are often more industrious useful citizens than those who are never late. The over-punctual can as much be a trial to others as the unpunctual. The guest who arrives half an hour too soon is the greatest nuisance. Some friends of my family had this irritating habit. The only thing to do was to ask them to come half an hour later than the other guests. Then they arrived just when we wanted them.

- (a) Why is punctuality necessary in a civilized society? (2)
(b) What are the dangers of leaving the bare minimum of time for appointments? (2)
(c) The overpunctual can be as much a trial to others as the unpunctual. Why? (2)
(d) Why did the family ask some guests to come half an hour later than others? (2)
(e) Find in the passage words which have the same meaning: (2×1=2)
(i) Complete disorder of confusion
(ii) Difficult to understand

7. Rewrite as directed : (any ten) (10×1=10)
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| (a) I have nothing to do with him. | (Turn into interrogative) |
| (b) Be quiet. | (Change the voice) |
| (c) We did not find her sad. | (Change into affirmative) |
| (d) There was a moon eclipse last night. | (Use correct form of word) |
| (e) I live in Paris since June 2010. | (Use correct form of verb) |
| (f) Ganges is a holy river. | (Correct the sentence) |
| (g) There are many new furnitures in the room. | (Correct the sentence) |
| (h) May I know who you want to see, please. | (Use appropriate pronoun) |
| (i) The sentry is armed _____ a gun. | (Use appropriate Preposition) |
| (j) My aunt is the old of three sisters. | (Use appropriate adjective) |

- (k) They cannot come ___ any agreement. (Insert appropriate preposition)
(l) If I had realized that the traffic lights were red I (stop) (use the correct form of the verb given in brackets)

8. Rewrite the following sentences into one meaningful sentences: (5×1=5)

- (a) I finished my paper. I gave it to the invigilator.
(b) God has given me something. I am contented with it.
(c) I saw a beggar. He was blind. He was singing by the road side.
(d) The traffic policeman is very polite. Everybody respect him.
(e) He failed. He persevered.

9. Transform each sentence to Assertive form without changing their meaning: (5×1=5)

- (a) What a kind handsome man he is!
(b) Who does not want to be happy?
(c) Her end is not very far now.
(d) The robbers were punished mercilessly.
(e) I made the choice of the wrong woman.

10. Identify simple and complex sentences from the following: (5×1=5)

- (a) It is so cold that one cannot sleep.
(b) Mary is very pretty and polite.
(c) The good often die young.
(d) A stone that keeps on rolling gathers no moss.
(e) Can you tell me the date of your birth?

11. Rewrite as directed : (10×1=10)

- (a) Correct the spellings of omniscent and amunition
(b) Give the cries of frogs and hyenas
(c) Give the young ones of goat and swan
(d) Give the dimunitives of river and thumb
(e) Give the meaning of suicide and curfew

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