

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO
INSPECTOR (MINISTERIAL) UNDER HOME (POLICE) DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. MARCH -2020

PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write a précis of the following passage. Supply a suitable title. (20)

Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Real integrity is that which does not require the validation of any external factor to practise in real life. It is a bridge between responsibilities in private and professional life.

If the names of leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, etc. are taken, their integrity in both personal and public lives is the common thread that unites them. For example, in South Africa, Gandhi did not select his son for the post of a lawyer when he was in the interview panel because he did not deem his son fit and meritorious enough for the post. Similarly, when Ambedkar could not get the Hindu Code Bill passed in the original form, he resigned from the Parliament to maintain his integrity. These examples depict how the actions of these leaders were driven by their real integrity and moral principles, instead of external stimulus.

Therefore, it is clear that real integrity manifests itself even when nobody asks you to take actions. It is the strong belief of the person to follow the moral code of conduct that he/she has set for himself/herself. He is answerable and accountable to his inner self, and thus conducts himself in the manner, which reconciles with his beliefs and value system. Anonymous donations, sensitivity to the needs of others, honesty in professional as well as personal conduct, and respect for rule of law, etc. are some of the examples which are manifestations of a person's real integrity.

2. You have witnessed the misconduct of a bus conductor towards a fellow passenger. Write a letter of complaint against the bus conductor to the President, Aizawl City Bus Owners Association (ACBOA). Invent necessary details. (20)

3. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics: 1(20)

- Banning of plastic products in Aizawl
- Development and good road connectivity
- Mizo youth in social and religious activities

Directions (Questions No. 4 - 9) : Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

In the last decade or so, much has been done for the protection of wildlife: sanctuaries and reserves have been started, and the reintroduction of a species into areas where it had become extinct is taking place. In Canada for instance, beavers are reintroduced into certain areas by means of aeroplanes. The animal is put in a special box attached to a parachute, and when the plane flies over the area, it drops the cage and the beaver passenger out. The cage floats down on the end of the parachute, and when it hits the ground, it opens automatically and the beaver then makes its way to the nearest stream or lake.

But although much is being done, there is still a very great deal to do. Unfortunately, the majority of useful work in animal preservation has been done mainly for animals which are of some economic importance to man, and there are many obscure species of no economic importance which, although they are protected on paper, as it were, are in actual fact allowed to die out because nobody, except a few interested zoologists, consider them important enough to spend money on.

As mankind increases year by year, and as he spreads further over the globe burning and destroying, it is some small comfort to know that there are certain individuals and some institutions who consider that the work of trying to save and give sanctuary to these harried animals is of great importance. It is an important work for many reasons, but perhaps the best of them is this: man, for all his genius, cannot create a species, nor can he recreate one he has destroyed. There would be a dreadful outcry if anyone suggested obliterating, say, the Tower of London, and quite rightly so; yet a unique and wonderful species of animal which has taken thousands of years to develop to the stage we see today, can be snuffed out like a candle, with no more than a handful of people raising a finger or a voice in protest. So, until we consider animal life to be worthy of the consideration and reverence we bestow upon old books and pictures and historic monuments, there will always be an animal refugee living a precarious life on the edge of extermination, dependent for existence on the charity of a few human beings.

4. Give an example from the passage how a species can be reintroduced into an area where it had become extinct. (3)
5. Why is preservation carried out only for some species of animals? (2)
6. According to the author, what is the most important reason to save and protect animals? (2)
7. What can be done to prevent animals from living precarious lives? (3)
8. Give a suitable title to the passage. (2)
9. Write the synonyms of the following words from the passage: (4×2=8)
 - (a) high regard
 - (b) insecure
 - (c) awful
 - (d) panicked
10. Change the following sentences as directed: (5×1=5)
 - (a) The doctor said to the man, "You will be fine." (*Indirect Speech*)
 - (b) Do you know this man? (*Passive Voice*)
 - (c) Lali eats an apple. (*Future Perfect Continuous Tense*)
 - (d) She asks me if I like the book. (*Direct Speech*)
 - (e) The students were being scolded by the Principal. (*Active Voice*)

- 11. Fill in the blanks with the correct option given in the bracket: (5×1=5)**
- (a) Everyone _____ (was/were) present in the meeting.
 - (b) The man is sitting _____ (beside/besides) the tree.
 - (c) The chocolate was divided _____ (among/between) the two girls.
 - (d) The little boy _____ (has/have) lost his ball.
 - (e) Either Mami or Remi _____ (is/are) requested to come.
- 12. Make sentences with the following pairs of words to bring out their differences: (3×2=6)**
- (a) altar, alter
 - (b) idle, idol
 - (c) weather, whether
- 13. Choose the correct idioms and phrases from the options given below: (4×1=4)**
- (a) Revealing an information
 - (i) Spilling the milk
 - (ii) Spilling the beans
 - (iii) Spilling the tea
 - (iv) Spilling the water
 - (b) Between two difficulties
 - (i) Between two fires
 - (ii) Between two axes
 - (iii) Between two hammers
 - (iv) Between two nails
 - (c) To praise oneself
 - (i) To kick up a row
 - (ii) To blow one's own trumpet
 - (iii) To pull oneself together
 - (iv) To come of age
 - (d) A costly but useless thing
 - (i) A white cat
 - (ii) A white tiger
 - (iii) A white elephant
 - (iv) A white owl

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