

# MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS OF LOWER DIVISION CLERK FOR PROMOTION TO UPPER DIVISION CLERK UNDER VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. OCTOBER, 2018

### PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100 PM : 35

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

1. Write the precis of the following passage : (15)

People moan about poverty as a great evil; and it seems to be an accepted belief that if people only had plenty of money, they would be happy and useful and get more out of life. As a rule, there is more genuine satisfaction in life and more obtained from life in the humble cottage of the poor man than in the palaces of the rich. I always pity the sons and daughters of rich men, who are attended by servants, and have governesses at a later age; at the same time I am glad to think that they do not know what they have missed.

It is because I know how sweet and happy and pure the home of honest poverty is, how free from perplexing care and from social envies and jealousies - how loving and united its members are in the common interest of supporting the family that I sympathize with the rich man's boy and congratulate the poor man's son. It is for these reasons that from the ranks of the poor so many strong, eminent, self-reliant men have always sprung and always must spring. If you will read the list of the "Immortals who were not born to die," you will find that most of them have been born poor.

It seems nowadays a matter of universal desire that poverty should be abolished. We should be quite willing to abolish luxury ; but to abolish honest, industrious, self-denying poverty would be to destroy the soil upon which mankind produces the virtues that will enable our race to reach a still higher civilization than it now possesses.

2. The Office of the Scientific Survey Commission that has just been established requires furniture (tables, chair and almirahs), cycles, typewriters, duplicating machines, etc. Before sanctioning expenditure Finance Ministry has advised that efforts should be made to secure these items, as far as possible, from surplus stocks held by Ministries and Departments. Four Officers, eighteen Assistants and a few Clerks will join shortly. Very early procurement is, therefore, essential. Draft an Office Memorandum accordingly to be issued over the signature of Mr. B.C.M., Secretary to the Commission. (20)
3. Write an essay on **any one** of the following in about 300 - 400 words. (30)
- Impact of Social Networking on Today's Youth
  - Nature is man's enemy as well as friend.

4. (a) Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets : (4×1=4)
- (i) They \_\_\_\_\_ down most of the houses in this street except the old shop at the corner. (pull)
  - (ii) As it \_\_\_\_\_ darker, we went home (get)
  - (iii) The reports \_\_\_\_\_ by the end of this week (finish)
  - (iv) This paper \_\_\_\_\_ twice weekly (appear)
- (b) Fill in the blanks using correct prepositions: (4×1=4)
- (i) The whole theory rests \_\_\_\_\_ no firmer foundation than mere conjecture.
  - (ii) His benefactions must rebound \_\_\_\_\_ his credit.
  - (iii) The question of unemployment bristles \_\_\_\_\_ difficulties.
  - (iv) His illness is a mere pretext \_\_\_\_\_ his absence.
- (c) Insert articles where necessary : (6×½=3)
- (i) It is never thankful office to offer advice.
  - (ii) They never fail who die, in great cause.
  - (iii) Time makes most enemies friends.
  - (iv) Man has no more right to say uncivil thing than to act one.
  - (v) Men are too often led astray by prejudice.
  - (vi) Man is only animal that uses fire.
- (d) Change the following into Reported Speech : (4×1=4)
- (i) He said, "Will you listen to such a man?"
  - (ii) He wrote and said, "I am unable to come just now because I am ill."
  - (iii) She said to him, "Please wait here till I return".
  - (iv) He said, "Bravo ! You have done well."
5. (a) Translate the following into English. (5×2=10)
- (i) Dar 1 leh dar 2 inkarah chuan thawmhnaw ka su.
  - (ii) Niminah mitthi vuinaah ka kal.
  - (iii) Darkar 2 ka nghak tawh a, a lo la thleng lo.
  - (iv) Ka thlen chuan a lo haw daih tawh.
  - (v) Karhnih hnuah ka lo kal leh ang.
- (b) Translate into Mizo : (5×2=10)
- (i) She hides her face for shame.
  - (ii) He was annoyed because he was contradicted.
  - (iii) She was hit by a car while she was crossing the road.
  - (iv) We discussed about the matter yesterday.
  - (v) This is one of the songs that was most popular.