1. Write an essay on any one of the given topic: (20)
   - Patriotism
   - Importance of Library
   - Traffic management in Mizoram

2. Make sentences with the following idioms: (8\times1=8)
   (a) Now and again
   (b) Play fast and loose
   (c) On one’s finger tips
   (d) To give up the ghost
   (e) To grease one’s palm
   (f) Hand and glove
   (g) To be in the seventh heaven
   (h) By hook or by crook

3. Give the meaning of these idiomatic phrases: (8\times1=8)
   (a) Helter skelter
   (b) Man of parts
   (c) The first water
   (d) A blockhead
   (e) In black and white
   (f) High time
   (g) Prince of darkness
   (h) To win laurels

4. Expand the following to bring out the meaning: (4\times4=16)
   (a) A stitch in time saves nine
   (b) Still waters run deep
   (c) All that glitters is not gold
   (d) Make hay while the sun shines
5. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions:

One of the most widely spread bad habits is the use of tobacco. Tobacco is now chewed or smoked by men, women and even by children, all over the world. It was brought to Europe from America by Sir Walter Raleigh, four centuries ago, and has spread everywhere. I very much doubt whether there is any good in the use of tobacco, even when it is not used in excess. It is extremely difficult to get rid of the habit once it had been formed.

Alcohol is taken in almost all cool and cold climates and to a very much less extent in hot ones. Thus, it is taken by people who live in mountains, but not nearly so much by those who live in the plains of India. Alcohol is not necessary in anyway to anybody. Millions of people are doing without it entirely. In India it is not required by people at all, and should be avoided altogether. The regular use of alcohol even in small quantities, tends to cause harm in may ways to various organs of the body. It effects the liver, it weakens the mental power and lessens the general energy of the body.

Now answer these questions:  (8x1=8)

(a) Does the author feel that tobacco, when not use in excess, is good for health?
(b) Is it easy to give up the habit of smoking?
(c) Is it necessary to consume alcohol?
(d) Does the writer recommend the use of alcohol to Indians?
(e) In what way does alcohol affect the human body?
(f) When was tobacco brought to Europe?
(g) Are there people who does not consume alcohol at all?
(h) Give a suitable heading to the passage.

(i) Pick out the words having the same meaning as the expressions given below: (8x1=8)
   i) A part of the body
   ii) A point or limit
   iii) To be uncertain
   iv) Ability to be active
   v) Happening again and again at the same time
   vi) Amount or number
   vii) Absolutely needed
   viii) Usual way of behaving

6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: (4x1=4)

(a) One of my friends _________ a doctor.
(b) I came to the office _________ foot.
(c) _________ are you talking to?
(d) I provided him _________ money.

7. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in brackets: (4x1=4)

(a) An honest man always _________ the truth. (tell)
(b) Bread and butter _________ a wholesome food. (be)
(c) The boys _________ to see me tomorrow morning. (to come)
(d) I _________ a book when he came in. (read)
8. Choose the correct word from the brackets to fill up each blank: (4×1=4)
   (a) The sick man cannot ________ properly. (breath, breathe)
   (b) The pastor’s ________ was good. (advice, advise)
   (c) The widow’s ________ was unbearable. (grieve, grief)
   (d) Liana ________ his music everyday. (practise, practice)

9. Rewrite as directed in the brackets without changing the meaning: (4×1=4)
   (a) I have nothing to do with these people. (turn into interrogative)
   (b) Be quiet. (change the voice)
   (c) Are you not a preacher? (change into affirmative)
   (d) They went to Vanapa Hall yesterday. (turn into negative)

10. Give the opposite of the following words: (4×1=4)
    (a) Credit
    (b) Different
    (c) Barren
    (d) Urban

11. Give one word subsitution for the following: (4×1=4)
    (a) A state where no law and order exists
    (b) One who cannot pay off one's debts
    (c) A place for keeping books for study
    (d) One who walks on foot

12. Fill in the blanks with the correct young ones: (4×1=4)
    (a) Duck : ________
    (b) sheep : ________
    (c) Bear : ________
    (d) Frog : ________

13. Fill in the blanks with the correct cries: (4×1=4)
    (a) Bees : ________
    (b) Larks : ________
    (c) Hens : ________
    (d) Snakes : ________