

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF  
SUB-DIVISIONAL LIBRARIAN UNDER ART & CULTURE DEPARTMENT,  
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, MAY -2019**

**GENERAL ENGLISH**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.  
Attempt all questions.*

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: **(8×1=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: **(8×1=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 : **(4×4=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 many ways to various organs of the body. It affects the liver, it weakens the mental power and lessens the general energy of the body.

Now answer these questions:

**(8×1=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:

**(8×1=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 :

**(4×1=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:

**(4×1=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 substitution 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 : \_\_\_\_\_