

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO**  
**JUNIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM SECRETARIAT SERVICE (JR. GR. OF M.S.S)**  
**UNDER GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. AUGUST -2019**

**PAPER - I**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

*Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay in about 500 words on *any one (1)* of the given topics: **(25)**

- The Role of the common people in bringing about a corruption free state.
- Importance of education to bring about all round development
- Important festivals of India and its significance.

2. Read the passage carefully and write a précis in about one third of its original length. Supply a suitable title to the précis. **(15)**

There are more literate people in India today than ever before. But there are also more illiterates than ever before. More children go to school than any time in the past, still it is not enough to blame the high birth rate for the state of affairs. Indeed, it can be reasonably argued that continued mass illiteracy is not the result but the cause of the high birth rate. Consequently, spread of literacy can be a potent weapon of socio-economic development.

Unfortunately, it is a colossal task to provide proper and full academic education to all children and youth in the country. But the problem of eradicating illiteracy calls for a different and less leisurely blueprint. The following measures will be in the right direction: more primary schools, new part-time educational centres for those who cannot attend regular schools and functional literacy centres for adult, especially, in semi-urban and rural areas.

3. In your capacity as the District Commissioner of Aizawl district, draft a letter to all the SDCs and SDOs of the district to take necessary steps to revise the final electoral roll for the coming election on or before 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019. **(20)**

4. Make meaningful sentences with the given Idioms. **(5×2=10)**

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| (a) through thick and thin | (b) no love lost between them |
| (c) put my foot down       | (d) off and on                |
| (e) in the good books of   |                               |

5. Report the following sentences in Indirect Speech. (5×2=10)
- (a) Appu said to me, “What are you doing?”
  - (b) Sana said, “Shut all the windows at once.”
  - (c) She said, “Hurrah! We have won the race.”
  - (d) “You have all done very badly!” remarked the teacher.
  - (e) Daddy will say, “Time is a great healer.”
6. State whether the words in Italics are Gerunds or Participles. (5×1=5)
- (a) Tell the children not to go near the *swimming* pool.
  - (b) *Swimming* is a very good exercise.
  - (c) My sister has a good collection of *talking* dolls.
  - (d) *Walking* with a *walking* stick is what the old neighbour does everyday.
7. Choose the correct verb form from those in brackets: (5×1=5)
- (a) Don't disturb me. I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework. (do, did, am doing)
  - (b) We \_\_\_\_\_ English for five years. (study, am studying, have been studying)
  - (c) Anil \_\_\_\_\_ to be a doctor. (wants, wanting, is wanting)
  - (d) I \_\_\_\_\_ forty next birthday. (am, shall be, have been)
  - (e) He thanked me for what I \_\_\_\_\_. (have done, had done, have been doing)
8. Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions: (10×1=10)
- (a) Don't loiter \_\_\_\_\_ the street.
  - (b) I came the day \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
  - (c) Is she \_\_\_\_\_ her room?
  - (d) The driver jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the car.
  - (e) \_\_\_\_\_ a month, he returned.
  - (f) The Maharaj ruled \_\_\_\_\_ a vast kingdom.
  - (g) Mother has not slept \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
  - (h) In the church, he sits \_\_\_\_\_ his boys.
  - (i) I tried to reason him \_\_\_\_\_ of his fears.
  - (j) Humpty Dumpty sat \_\_\_\_\_ a wall.