

# MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS OF UPPER DIVISION CLERK FOR PROMOTION TO ASSISTANT GRADE UNDER DP & AR (SSW) DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. NOVEMBER, 2015

### PAPER - IV

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100 PM : 35

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

*Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay (in about 1000 words) on any one of the following topics: **(20)**

- (a) The curse of illiteracy in India.
- (b) The uses of leisure.
- (c) Violence in the society.

2. Make a *précis* of the following passage in one-third of its original length. Supply a suitable title: **(20)**

Industrialisation and its consequent processes of urbanisation, modernisation, rapid advancement in the sphere of science and technology, have had a socio-economic, political and psychological impact on mankind. As a matter of fact, man had until very recently kept his eyes closed to the enormous damage he had done to his environment and the manner in which he had upset the ecological balance through indiscriminate use of technology. Man has virtually poisoned his environment and lives a highly unhygienic life by his own scientific standards. Scientists and ecologists along with other experts have established that nature's gifts of air, water and earth to man, have become terribly filthy and contaminated – courtesy man's inhumanity towards his environment. The advanced countries were perplexed and vexed to know that population was detrimental to all forms and species of life on earth.

3. Draft an Office memorandum for circulation to all departments under the Government of Mizoram for filling up of five posts of Assistant Grade under DP&AR(SSW) Deptt. Candidates must be graduates of a recognised university, have worked in a government department for at least five years as an as Upper Desk Division Clerk. Must have sound knowledge of current affairs and computer skills, with good personality and initiative. Candidates will have to undergo an examination under MPSC. Two testimonials in original must be submitted. Application to be in candidate's own handwriting. Pay and allowances at prescribed rates. Canvassing will disqualify. Age between 23 and 30. Invent other necessary details. **(10)**

4. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

We do not realise adequately to what extent our minds are moulded by books we read especially in youth. We have several means by which we acquire knowledge today i.e radio, cinema, newspaper and television etc. Reading a book is different from mechanised instruction. We are never alone when we have books as our companion.

A great writer has said that religion is what man does with his solitariness. It is not merely religion but art and literature, scientific discovery and technological invention that are the outcome of what a man does with his solitariness. In the modern world we tend to be gregarious beings. When we have little leisure we run to parties, clubs or other social activities. We are afraid to be alone with ourselves, afraid to stand and stare, much less to sit and think. We are happy with others not with

ourselves. Pascal tells us that all the evils of the world arise from the fact that men are unable to sit still in a room. Reading a book gives us the habit of solitary reflection and true enjoyment.

- (a) What is the best means of acquiring knowledge? (2)
- (b) How has man produced great works of art, literature, scientific discoveries or technological inventions? (3)
- (c) What is man by nature and how does he use his leisure? (3)
- (d) What is the cause of evil in this world? (2)

5. Make sentences with the following idioms and phrases(any five) (5×2=10)

- (a) At the spur of the moment
- (b) Break the news
- (c) End in smoke
- (d) Foot the bill
- (e) High and dry
- (f) In cold blood
- (g) Leaps and bounds
- (h) Pull strings

6. Give one word substitution for any five of the following: (5×1=5)

- (a) Government by the nobility
- (b) To utter profane language against God or anything holy
- (c) Murder of a new born child
- (d) A work whose writer is unknown
- (e) One who compiles a dictionary
- (f) The science of government
- (g) Confinement to one place to avoid spread of disease

7. Expand the idea contained in any two of the following: (2×5=10)

- (a) We live in deeds not in years
- (b) Beggars cannot be choosers
- (c) Strike while the iron is hot
- (d) Necessity is the mother of invention

8. Correct the following sentences: (5×1=5)

- (a) Great many people attended the wedding.
- (b) They insisted on me resigning the post.
- (c) The whole India mourned the death of Nehru.
- (d) I went to buy some new stationeries.
- (e) He is one of those men who is always finding fault with others.

9. Rewrite the following sentences as directed: (5×1=5)

- (a) People tell lies everywhere. (Change into passive voice)
- (b) The doctor said to the patient ,”Take only liquid food for three days at least”. (Change into indirect speech)
- (c) Can you tell me \_\_\_\_\_ road will take me to the college? (Add a suitable adjective)
- (d) She can speak English \_\_\_\_\_. (add a suitable adverb)
- (e) He is so strict that he will not tolerate such indiscipline. (use ‘too’)

10. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions: (5×1=5)

- (a) After all, hard work has come to tell \_\_\_\_\_ your health.
- (b) He made insulting remarks that are derogatory \_\_\_\_\_ his reputation.
- (c) The court has absolved him \_\_\_\_\_ all the charges levelled against him.
- (d) He is born \_\_\_\_\_ an intelligent mother.
- (e) He has great antipathy \_\_\_\_\_ those who are hypocrites.