

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF U.D.C. (CONTRACT) UNDER ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT, FEBRUARY, 2018

PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 125

Marks for each question are indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics: (25)

- OROP and its feasibility
- Corruption: A social evil
- Green Development in India
- Role of media in a democracy
- Impact of GST on Indian economy

2. Write a précis of the given passage: (25)

The value of philosophy is, in fact, to be sought largely in its very uncertainty. The man who has no trace of philosophy goes through life imprisoned in the prejudices derived from common sense, from the habitual beliefs of his own age or his nation, and from convictions which have grown up in his mind without the co-operation or consent of his deliberate reason. To such a man the world becomes definite, finite, obvious; common objects rouse no question, and unfamiliar possibilities are contemptuously rejected. As soon as we begin to philosophize, on the contrary, we find that even the most every day things lead to problems to which only very incomplete answers can be given. Philosophy, though unable to tell us with certainty what the true answers are to the doubts it raises, is able to suggest many possibilities which enlarge our thoughts and free them from the tyranny of custom. Thus, while diminishing our feeling of certainty as to what things are, it greatly increases our knowledge as to what they may be. It removes the stupid dogmatism of those who have never travelled into the region of liberating doubt, and it keeps alive our sense of wonder by showing things in an unfamiliar aspect.

3. Choose the word/phrase nearest in meaning to the underlined part: (10×1=10)

- (a) Mother is a little hard of hearing.
inaudible/ disinterested/ deaf/ insensitive
- (b) He is accused of sitting on the fence.
hesitating between two options/ confused/ observing the scene/ resting on fence
- (c) She faced the music for reaching home late.
faced singing/ faced reprimand/ faced beating/ faced pleasure
- (d) It rained cats and dogs last night.
rained animals/ rained lightly/ rained heavily/ rained continuously
- (e) He passed away yesterday.
went/ compensate/ finish/ died

- (f) You must abide by your promise.
keep/ do/ abstain/ accept
- (g) He gave his declaration in black and white.
in colour/ in writing/ in art/ in painting
- (h) They often drop in for coffee.
visit/ decline/ agree/ refuse
- (i) The boy takes after his father.
assembles/ resembles/ dismantles/ represents
- (j) He is the black sheep of the family.
dishonourable member/ dark-colored member/ dark-skinned/ black man

4. Correct the following sentences: (10×1=10)

- (a) The plants are dying for the lack of water
- (b) You are not allowed to enter into the house.
- (c) Should I you I would help him
- (d) Leave my arm, please
- (e) I have heard the news an hour ago
- (f) He is used to work hard
- (g) I pitied on him
- (h) There is no harm to try
- (i) I made him to do that work
- (j) She said this at his face

5. Make sentences of the following to show their differences: (5×4=20)

- (a) vocation & vacation
- (b) bail & bale
- (c) childish & childlike
- (d) beside & besides
- (e) council & counsel

6. Punctuate the following: (5×3=15)

- (a) she is calm wise modest and grateful
- (b) he is unwell therefore he cannot go there
- (c) why not sir
- (d) to err is human to forgive divine
- (e) you have passed your ba

7. Do as directed: (10×2=20)

- (a) alike that it is difficult/ the two sisters look so/ to tell one from the other (rearrange to make meaningful sentence)
- (b) He has black dog and white bitch; inner and outer wall were both strongly defended. (insert Articles)
- (c) Walk quickly, else you will not overtake him. (identify the part of speech of the underlined words)
- (d) He likes to be called 'Sir. (change the voice)
- (e) I am too weak to walk. (Rewrite using 'so' instead of 'too')
- (f) Lively is to ____ (1) as loyal is to ____ (2) (insert 1- animated/ genuine & 2- prudent/ devoted)
- (g) The bank ____ every day at 9 a.m. and ____ at 3 p.m. (insert appropriate forms of 'open/ close')
- (h) The boy is very fat. He cannot run. (combine into a simple sentence using infinitive)
- (i) I am his friend. (change to negative)
- (j) She is a singer by profession. (substitute an adjective for the underlined)