

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO**  
**JUNIOR ADMINISTRATIVE GRADE OF MIZORAM LEGAL SERVICE**  
**and SENIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM LEGAL SERVICE**  
**UNDER LAW & JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT. JULY, 2016**

**GENERAL ENGLISH**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

*Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in not more than 300 words: **(20)**
- Conquering Mt. Everest
  - Politicians Above the Law
  - Law as an instrument of Social Change

2. Write a précis of the given passage: **(14)**

“Tolerance is the only real test of civilisation”: it was Arthur Kelps who thus extolled the virtue of tolerance. Man in the 21<sup>st</sup> century believes he is more civilised than his ancestors. But is he more tolerant than them? Unfortunately, the virtue of tolerance is not abundant in the world of today and the world is in dire need of it. The importance of tolerance lies in its ability to make a human being broad enough in mind to be receptive to all kinds of ideas. This, in turn, enables one to widen one’s knowledge and exercise more freedom of choice and judgement for oneself. At the same time it creates a deeper understanding of others’ views and beliefs. Today, tolerance seems to be at a discount at all levels. At the most trivial sign of disagreement hot words are exchanged, almost immediately escalating into a fight and sometimes even murder. Family members find it difficult to put up with one another’s shortcomings – after all which human being is perfect? Communities, social groups, racial groups and nations – at all levels, there appears to be an acute lack of tolerance. Trivial misunderstandings, even rumours, give rise to riots with the accompanying bloodshed and permanent scars on relationships; at the national level there is civil war and border wars. So often a personal matter such as religion has been distorted to create hatred among peoples. If such people learnt to tolerate one another’s views, perhaps such sad occurrences could be reduced if not totally removed from this world.

3. Choose the most suitable alternative in accordance with the correct use of tense: **(8×1=8)**

- (a) I \_\_\_\_\_ (know/ knew/ have known) her since 2000.
- (b) Which book \_\_\_\_\_ (have/ had/ did) you read last year?
- (c) I \_\_\_\_\_ (try/ have been trying/ am trying) to contact you all these days.
- (d) He \_\_\_\_\_ (is owning/ owns/ own) a car.
- (e) It \_\_\_\_\_ (came/ has come/ will come) to my notice lately.
- (f) When \_\_\_\_\_ (did/ was/ had) you call me?
- (g) An honest man always \_\_\_\_\_ (tell/ tells /have told) the truth.
- (h) This boy \_\_\_\_\_ (do/has/ does) his job seriously.

4. Insert appropriate prepositions in the given blanks: (8×1=8)

- (a) The bed has not been slept \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) The thief broke \_\_\_\_\_ a run when he saw the policemen.
- (c) The bridge gave way \_\_\_\_\_ the weight.
- (d) What are you waiting \_\_\_\_\_?
- (e) Her house is adjacent \_\_\_\_\_ Amitabh's.
- (f) He is dead \_\_\_\_\_ all sense of humour.
- (g) The train is running \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- (h) What is the time \_\_\_\_\_ your watch?

5. Rewrite the following sentences as directed: (8×1=8)

- (a) He was elected leader. (change the Voice)
- (b) She is so short that she cannot touch the ceiling. (replace 'so' by 'too')
- (c) You are too early for the show. (use 'enough')
- (d) Let us have a cup of tea. (use the right tag question)
- (e) If you do not work hard, you cannot succeed. (use 'unless')
- (f) God is present everywhere. (substitute a word for 'present everywhere')
- (g) He is the best student of his class. (use comparative degree)
- (h) He climbed peak of Alps. (supply articles)

6. Do as directed: (7×2=14)

Analyse the following sentences the following sentences and state the kind of clauses:

- (a) The man said that his brother would not come.
- (b) You must be content and pleased with what you have since to complain does not become you

Combine the following sentences as directed:

- (c) I don't know. He will come. (into complex sentence)
- (d) I don't know. What is his name? (into simple sentence)
- (e) She is smart. She is honest too.(into compound sentence)
- (f) I have no friend to talk to. (into complex sentence using adjective clause)
- (g) As it was cold, we did not go out. (into compound sentence)

7. Correct the sentences: (7×1=7)

- (a) Thank you for your advices.
- (b) It is raining for a week.
- (c) Neither she nor her sister were there.
- (d) I am sorry I cannot cope up with this work.
- (e) What is your criteria for admission?
- (f) You are not entitled for promotion.
- (g) The team of players are not in the city.

8. Of the words given in brackets, choose the one that you think is appropriate: (7×1=7)
- (a) The Taj Mahal is of (incomparable/ uncomparable) beauty.
  - (b) He is an (ingenius/ ingenuous) mechanic.
  - (c) He deals in (stationery/ stationary).
  - (d) He had no (recourse/ resource) to any help.
  - (e) Smoking is (proscribed/ prescribed) here.
  - (f) Fetch me a (pale/ pail) of water.
  - (g) Everyone said that her decision was (judicious/ judicial).

9. Use any seven (7) of the following idioms/ phrases in your own sentences to illustrate their meanings: (7×2=14)

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| (a) to differ with                 | (b) to read between the lines |
| (c) to pour oil on troubled waters | (d) from hand to mouth        |
| (e) bone of contention             | (f) give in                   |
| (g) make up                        | (h) clip one's wings          |
| (i) black and blue                 | (j) kith and kin              |

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