

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TECHNICAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF GRADE-V OF MIZORAM ENGINEERING SERVICE (AE/SDO) UNDER POWER & ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM JANUARY, 2012

GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER – I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay on any one of the following: (25)
- (a) The growth and development of Information Technology in Mizoram in the past decade – its role, significance and effects.
 - (b) Women Empowerment in Mizoram – the need, merits & demerits
 - (c) Total Prohibition in Mizoram and its impact in our society.

2. Write a précis of the following passage, giving it a suitable title: (15)

Education is a device for helping a man to grow to his full stature. It enables him to realize his nature both mentally and spiritually and in that realization to become all that he has in him to be. It is to the child what perfect gardening is to the tree, a help to grow that it may develop its own personality. A good gardener helps each plant to put forth that essential quality of its own that differentiates it from all other plants and makes it a thing of use and beauty in the world. The good educator performs a similar office for the human being. But most of us cannot afford the services of a good educator that we go through life with faculties undeveloped and potentialities unrealized merely because the community has been too mean to give us the necessary opportunity for mental growth. And so, for most of us, our habitation is a person whose walls are brute facts from which the spirit lacks the wings of knowledge to escape. To the man of trained faculties and developed tastes, the world becomes literally a larger place, larger and more exciting. He is able to see in it more beauty, more variety, more scope for his sympathy and his understanding than he saw before. The training of education widens his sense of the possibilities of what may be and transforms the world from a humdrum scene of workshop, factory and office to the universe of mystery and a treasure house of beauty. Wherein is the man's fullest development to be found? Some men, it is obvious, are more fully and representatively human than others are, that is to say, better or more typical specimens of what our species is, when taken at its best. By what marks are we to recognize them? Clearly, we shall find them in those who have developed to their fullest extent the distinctive characteristics of humanity not, that is to say, in the strongest or the most ruthless or the most determined or the most powerful or the wealthiest or even the bravest members of our species but in those in whom the characteristics of intelligence, virtue and good taste are most highly developed. This, then in the function of that kind of education which we can call education for living, the education that develops in man the three attributes that are distinctive of our species. A man I conceive has the right to such a development.

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3. A software company, Iflexsolutions is inviting applications for the post of Assistant Engineers. Applicants should be at least 25 years and should not exceed 35 years of age, with a first class degree in engineering. Write a letter applying for this post. Resume should also be included. (15)

4. Use the following idioms and phrases to make appropriate sentences to highlight their meaning. (15×1=15)

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| (a) to be all up | (b) to be in a fix |
| (c) to be down with | (d) to bear away |
| (e) to break off | (f) bring forth |
| (g) to call at | (h) to come about |
| (i) to call on | (j) to draw over |
| (k) to be cut out for | (l) to do away with |
| (m) to get into hot water | (n) to fall through |
| (o) to go to the dogs | |

5. Expand the following to create a meaningful passage. (15)

International order and security – imperialism be abolished – source of unjust oppression – persecution of people as examples – danger of war – struggle for freedom creates unrest – every nation must be granted right to self government – no progress under imperialism – social discrimination also be ended – racial discriminations leads to discontent and provocation – white race over colored races – racism is against the belief in equality of mankind – examples to be seen in South African and Asian countries - justice another requisite – world peace – violation of justice for self-interest – little hope for international peace and security – principle of peaceful co-existence to be accepted for international peace – ideological differences should not create barriers – respect for life should not be robbed.

6. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The great and inspiring language which is to play the most vital role in changing the present aggressive and militant outlook of humanity, has an extremely bright and optimistic future. It is to be crowned as the “Language of Humanity”, “The Voice of Human Civilization” and the only beacon guiding the frustrated and dejected vessel of our civilization amid the perilous ocean of mass destruction, violence and bloodshed.

It is a wrong and narrow-minded assumption among some of the Indians that the spread of Hindi, as lingua franca of our country, English Language would wane down. I am confident that, with the growth of our National Language, we should cultivate the International Language. If Hindi is our National Language, English will be our International Language. We must love both the languages as one is the language of our Motherland the other is the language of our Fatherland which is “as wide as the blue sky”.

English language will be the only medium of instruction in the future International University of the World State where the people of the world would receive training in the art of universal citizenship. It would serve as the guiding light in the realm of peace. If English language taught the scientists to invent deadliest weapons of destruction in this age of Peace and Love, it would teach the philosophers and thinkers to invent method of spreading international peace.

English language is, no doubt, the most creative and constructive force in the modern world of ideas and thoughts. In the words of our late Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, “the very message of modern humanity, is today, given through this great Global Language, which has a unique tendency of adaptation and reconciliation. . . If we totally ignore this International Language of Modern Civilization, we shall be pushed back to a state of dark and primitive semi-barbarism.”

The modern world is drifting towards the final and ultimate goal of human civilization – Internationalism and cosmopolitanism. For an international civilization and cosmopolitan culture men must have an international and cosmopolitan culture, men must have an international and cosmopolitan language – the language of the entire humanity – the language that can be spoken and understood by the entire group of human creatures, expressing the ideas of Eternal Peace and Perpetual Bliss.

In the present world, the people of the world have realized the fact that aggressive nationalism is the main cause of human decay and frustration of civilization. They have seen how, in the name of “Racial Superiority” and “Purity of Blood” certain nation of the world created untold and unimaginable havoc on others, making mass-murders, shedding pools of blood and devastating destructions of cities and towns. The war-torn humanity has a hatred for the world ‘Nationalism’ and today, they want to embrace Internationalism, based upon the principles of Equality, Liberty and Fraternity.

For the establishment and consolidation of such a state, we need above else, a common universal language, as in the words of Bertrand Russell, “It is a common language that unites men.” There are about three hundred and fifty major languages spoken all over the globe, dominant of these being (other than English) Russian, German, French and Japanese. It is English and only English which claims to embrace more than half of the total population of the world. It is estimated that this language is spoken and understood by more than 500 million people, inhabiting various parts of the world. English language thus, is the only language that can serve as the International Language. By becoming International it would serve mankind in the most vital way.

No doubt, the British Empire has tumbled down and the British political-craftsmanship is losing importance day by day. But English language, like old Johnny Walker is getting stronger and steadier with every movement and its importance is felt more vitally as the world advances towards Internationalism and cosmopolitanism.

- (a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the given passage. **(5x1=5)**
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| (i) cosmopolitan | (ii) peril |
| (iii) obscure | (iv) havoc |
| (v) fraternity | |
- (b) Why is English language so important for Indians according to the writer? **(2)**
- (c) What is necessary in order to have an international civilization and cosmopolitan culture? **(2)**
- (d) How is the English language a constructive force in the modern world? **(2)**
- (e) What has created destruction of cities and mass-murders in the world? **(1)**
- (f) How will the English Language by becoming international serve mankind in the most vital way? **(2)**
- (g) What according to the writer is the great and inspiring language? **(1)**