

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT UNDER GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM JANUARY, 2015

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)
- (a) Disaster Management in Mizoram
 - (b) The role of Youth in National Development
 - (c) The Law, Social Media and Freedom of Speech and Expression

2. Write a précis of the following passage in about 1/3rd of the length of the original text. (25)

What does an employee look for in a job? Is it nothing more than the earning of a living for himself and his family? Unfortunately, many employers feel this is so and thus base their personnel policies on this notion. Lately, several studies have revealed that there is not enough justification in making wages alone a factor responsible for work satisfaction. Besides wages, the employees today are increasingly concerned about security of employment. The word security has three vital aspects for the employees : economic, social and physical.

The employee desires economic security, i.e., an adequate wage for his services plus an assurance that his wage will be reviewed and refixed in the future to offset the effect of a rise in the cost of living. He also wants to feel that he will not be laid off during any temporary period of slack business, and finally, that upon his retirement he will get a gratuity or grant for his livelihood or that he will be entitled to monthly pension. The employee's desire for security is paramount and the sooner management realises it, the earlier can it embark on a platform for sound relationship with the employees.

Socially, the employee wishes to live a personal life the way he wants and to exercise franchise in accordance with his wishes. The employee also has the psychological need to gain the respect of his fellow employees and to acquire a position which is socially satisfying to him and his family.

Physically security includes physical aspects such as safety on the job, adequate and healthy place of work, recreational facilities for rest and relaxation, medical facilities and residential accommodation not far from the work place.

3. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verbs given in the brackets: (5×1=5)
- (a) Something very strange _____ (happen) to me last night.
 - (b) Have you _____ (tell) your friends?
 - (c) No, I did not _____ (use) your phone.
 - (d) She has never _____ (speak) of you.
 - (e) I've found out that you _____ (be) cheating on me.

4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: (10×1=10)

- (a) He congratulated me _____ my success.
- (b) Rema is free _____ corruption.
- (c) We must be loyal _____ our country.
- (d) Alcohol is injurious _____ health.
- (e) He will comply _____ my request.
- (f) Do not laugh _____ the poor.
- (g) They plotted _____ the king.
- (h) This reminds me _____ my father.
- (i) This milk is inferior _____ that.
- (j) She has a great affection _____ her son.

5. Correct the errors in the following sentences: (10×1=10)

- (a) She knows swimming well.
- (b) I regard him my brother.
- (c) One should love his country.
- (d) If I was you, I would not have joined the party.
- (e) Leave my arm, please.
- (f) He has passion of music.
- (g) What is your criteria for admission?
- (h) One of our friends have come back.
- (i) My coat's pocket has a hole in it.
- (j) Neither of the three boys has passed.

6. Rewrite the following sentences as directed: (10×1=10)

- (a) He thanked me. (*change the speech*)
- (b) The milkman supplies milk. (*change the voice*)
- (c) What a lovely flower! (*change to assertive*)
- (d) Never tell a lie. (*change to affirmative*)
- (e) She bought a house. The house is white. (*change to simple sentence*)
- (f) We are sure of his honesty. (*change to complex sentence*)
- (g) God is present everywhere. (*substitute a word for 'present everywhere'*)
- (h) Jack is the best student of his class. (*use comparative degree*)
- (i) It was a glorious victory. (*change to exclamatory form*)
- (j) The soldiers were brave. (*give opposite of 'brave'*)

7. Change the narration of the following sentences : (10×1=10)

- (a) He shouted at them to let him go.
- (b) Macbeth said to his wife, "The time is near when I shall become king".
- (c) He said, "I take exercise in the morning".
- (d) I asked him if he would help me.
- (e) She said to me, "You are fortunate".
- (f) She told me that I was the first.
- (g) The teacher says to us, "You should never tell lies".

- (h) The stranger asked me where I lived.
- (i) The officer shouted, "Get back to work, all of you!"
- (j) The traveller asked the boy if he could show him the way to the nearest police station.

8. Insert articles where needed: (10×1=10)

- (a) _____ Americans are more conservative than you would expect them to be.
- (b) The worst part of living in a tent is _____ lack of space.
- (c) Swimming is _____ more tiring activity than walking.
- (d) Football is _____ more popular than any other sport in Mizoram.
- (e) She hopes to make a living as _____ news correspondent for one of the local newspapers.
- (f) The event will be broadcasted live on _____ TV.
- (g) I try to go for _____ run at least three times a week.
- (h) By all accounts he is _____ honest fellow.
- (i) How many hours do you work on _____ average?
- (j) The king prayed for a child so that he would have _____ heir to his throne.

9. Make meaningful sentences of the following pairs of words to show their differences in meaning.

(5×2=10)

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| (a) Stationary; Stationery | (b) Affected; Effected |
| (c) Weather; Whether | (d) Alter; Altar |
| (e) Council; Counsel | |

10. Make meaningful sentences with any five (5) of the following idioms and phrases :

(5×2=10)

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| (a) crocodile tears | (b) hard and fast |
| (c) in full swing | (d) yeoman's service |
| (e) red letter day | (f) in the face of |
| (g) at sixes and sevens | (h) bury the hatchet |
| (i) to call it a day | (j) at the eleventh hour |

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