

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO ASSISTANT JAILOR**  
**UNDER GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM**  
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**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 given topics. **(30)**
  - (a) Illiteracy – a menace to Democracy
  - (b) The importance of community identity
  - (c) Status of women in modern India
  
2. Write a précis of the given passage. **(15)**

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us in our day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning, the mind is fresh, and there are few sounds or other distractions, so that work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases, the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air, and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he is expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before the timely hour when he goes to bed. He gets to sleep several hours before midnight, at the time when sleep is most refreshing and after a sound night's rest, rises early next morning in good health and spirits for the labour of a new day.

It is very plain that such a life as this is far more conducive to health than that of a man who shortens his waking hours by rising late, and so can afford in the course of the day little leisure for necessary rest. Anyone who lies in bed late, must, if he wishes to do a full day's work, go on working to a correspondingly late hour, and deny himself the hour or two of evening exercise that he ought to take for the benefit of his health. But, in spite of all his efforts, he will probably not produce as good results as the early riser, because he misses the best hours of the day.

It may be objected to this that some find the perfect quiet of midnight by far the best time for working. This is no doubt true in certain cases. Several great thinkers have found by experience that their intellect is clearest, and they can write best, when they burn the midnight oil. But even in such cases, the practice of working late at night cannot be commended. Few men, if any, can exert the full power of their intellect at the time when nature prescribes sleep without ruining their health thereby; and of course the injury done to the health must in the long run have a bad effect on the quality of work done.

3. Draft a letter on behalf of the Director –General, Telecom Department to all Heads of Circles, etc, for reducing at least 50% consumption of petrol on all staff cars under them in view of the need to conserve fuel. **(20)**
4. Change the form of narration to direct/ indirect speech :- **(5×1=5)**
- (a) Thanga said, ‘I will come’.
  - (b) He says that he had been helping his friend.
  - (c) Sangi and Pari said, “We have seen Taj Mahal”.
  - (d) She said that the sun could never rise in the west.
  - (e) The teacher said, “The match is going on”.
5. Supply the correct form of the verbs given in brackets in the following sentences :- **(5×1=5)**
- (a) I (spend) the last week-end in Delhi. I (go) there almost every week.
  - (b) It (be) two years now since I (buy) anything ready-made.
  - (c) The word ‘communalism’ (convey) a sense of (belong) to a particular religious group.
  - (d) During the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, the fate of England (change) and so (be) the condition of the English people.
  - (e) There (be) it (seem) many people willing to (work).
6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :- **(5×1=5)**
- (a) Though we deal \_\_\_\_\_ Indian goods only, our firm deals \_\_\_\_\_ many foreign firms abroad.
  - (b) Come and sit \_\_\_ me; don’t sit \_\_\_\_\_ his side.
  - (c) Always have trust \_\_\_\_\_ your friends, your distrust \_\_\_\_\_ friends is perhaps unfounded.
  - (d) You are liable \_\_\_\_\_ disciplinary action if you do not comply \_\_\_\_\_ orders.
  - (e) I prevailed \_\_\_\_\_ him to join our office. Such customs prevail \_\_\_\_\_ the North East.
7. Change the following sentences to Active/ Passive voice. **(5×1=5)**
- (a) Let not the wire be touched.
  - (b) Promises should be kept.
  - (c) Your folly astonishes me.
  - (d) Let him not see the letter.
  - (e) It is now time to call over the names.
8. In the following sentences, choose the word which is nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word : **(5×1=5)**
- (a) There is a fair chance that we might win the game
    - (i) distant
    - (ii) unlikely
    - (iii) remote
    - (iv) bare
  - (b) The man was reprimanded by his family for sending his son to the Army.
    - (i) encouraged
    - (ii) appreciated
    - (iii) rewarded
    - (iv) praised

- (c) His flippancy makes it difficult to have a prolonged conversation with him.
- (i) silence
  - (ii) seriousness
  - (ii) reticence
  - (iv) vanity
- (d) There is always ambiguity in what he says.
- (i) lucidity
  - (ii) clarity
  - (iii) transparency
  - (iv) plainness
- (e) He was considered innocent
- (i) blameless
  - (ii) guilty
  - (iii) arrogant
  - (iv) amicable

9. Correct the errors in the following sentences :

(5×1=5)

- (a) My scissor is blunt.
- (b) Winter vacations are very near.
- (c) I have a ten-rupees note.
- (d) I feel out of sort today.
- (e) If I were her, I would not marry him.

10. Combine the following sentences into one using participle/verbal adjectives.

(5×1=5)

- (a) She swept the floor. She found a coin.
- (b) He closed the door. He went away.
- (c) I saw a lorry outside my house. It was loaded with bricks.
- (d) He bought his ticket. He entered the platform.
- (e) The letter was badly typed. I had to retype it.

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