

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN UNDER ART & CULTURE DEPARTMENT MARCH, 2013

GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Attempt all questions.

1. The underlined words belong to different parts of speech. Specify each of them. (10×1=10)
 - (a) There are twenty boys in the class.
 - (b) The famous singer just walked by.
 - (c) Do not while your time in idle gossip.
 - (d) Honesty is the best policy.
 - (e) We had a sumptuous meal.
 - (f) It soon became dark.
 - (g) Alas! The poor man is no more.
 - (h) Faka had fever, yet he attended the class.
 - (i) They are under trying times.
 - (j) I do not have a knife to cut with.

2. Pick out the adjectives and name the degree of comparison of each: (10×1=10)
 - (a) She is my elder sister.
 - (b) The woman had seen happier days.
 - (c) I am happy to meet you.
 - (d) Hunger is the best sauce.
 - (e) Lisa bought a new car.
 - (f) I promise you a fair hearing.
 - (g) My grandfather is the oldest in our house.
 - (h) She has many beautiful friends.
 - (i) The drink is a blend of the finest flavours of juices.
 - (j) 'Lalmanga nu lawm rawih ni' is the longest day in a year.

3. Transform the following sentences as directed: (10×1=10)
 - (a) We were driving home. (Simple Past)
 - (b) The thief confessed that he was guilty. (Simple Sentence)
 - (c) When I last visited the museum, they had renovated it. (Past Perfect Continuous)
 - (d) It is time you went. (Simple Sentence)
 - (e) The baby slept for five hours. (Present Perfect Continuous)

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- (f) If you run , you will not be late. (Compound Sentence)
- (g) She will go. (Simple Present)
- (h) We will win or die. (Complex Sentence)
- (i) She made a sacrifice for her son. (Future Continuous)
- (j) We can prove that the earth is round. (Compound Sentence)

4. State which of the following sentences are complex and which are compound: **(10×1=10)**

- (a) He aimed at winning the prize and worked hard.
- (b) The town in which I live is very big.
- (c) She must hurry or she will miss the train.
- (d) Whatever you do, do well.
- (e) You are evil, I am equally evil.
- (f) I became tired so I rested.
- (g) Waste not, want not.
- (h) My heart beats faster when I hear my baby cries.
- (i) Spare the rod and spoil the child.
- (j) Liani went to Serchhip where she stayed for two days.

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions: **(10×1=10)**

- (a) The clerk has been working _____ twelve hours.
- (b) He has not recovered _____ his illness.
- (c) I came _____ foot.
- (d) It is ten o'clock _____ my watch.
- (e) The new Principal takes over _____ a week's time.
- (f) I have not seen her _____ Wednesday night.
- (g) We ran away _____ the fire.
- (h) The job was done _____ haste.
- (i) It is a problem to get _____ a busy road.
- (j) Do not comply _____ his wishes.

6. Choose the correct form of the verbs to fill in the blanks: **(10×1=10)**

- (a) Thanga (lives/is) a resident of Mamit.
- (b) One of my friends (has/have) gone abroad.
- (c) Rini (passes/pass) the Assembly House every day.
- (d) The house with all its contents, (was /were) buried in the fire.
- (e) The old man (rested/rests) for two hours on this bench every day.
- (f) Two thirds of the earth's surface (was /were) covered with water.
- (g) To reach the shrine one (have/has) to cross this river.
- (h) The Arabian Nights (is /are) still a big favourite.
- (i) We (took/takes) a plane to Delhi.
- (j) Neither the Chief Minister nor the Ministers (is/are/was) present at the rally.

7. Change the voice of the following sentences: (10×1=10)
- (a) The People will make him the councillor.
 - (b) Give the order.
 - (c) The fans loudly cheered for the team.
 - (d) Allow me to leave, please.
 - (e) New employees are given special training by the company.
 - (f) People use this over-bridge all the time.
 - (g) Bring me a glass of milk.
 - (h) We ought to buy chicken.
 - (i) Bring pictures to school.
 - (j) Boys are riding bicycles.
8. Give one word for the following sentences. (10×1=10)
- (a) One who can speak two languages.
 - (b) One who can throw his voice.
 - (c) To write under a different name.
 - (d) Words written on the tomb of a person.
 - (e) A study of birds.
 - (f) One who knows everything.
 - (g) One who copies from other writers.
 - (h) One who pretends to be what he is not.
 - (i) One who dies without a will.
 - (j) That which is lawful.
9. Make sentences with the following homophones to bring out the difference: (5×2=10)
- (a) Waste, waist.
 - (b) Fare, fair.
 - (c) Choir, coir.
 - (d) Tyre, tire.
 - (e) Dough, doe.
10. Make sentences with any five of the following: (5×2=10)
- (a) Leap and bounds.
 - (b) Prim and proper.
 - (c) First and foremost.
 - (d) Part and parcel.
 - (e) Sooner or later.
 - (f) Ranting and raving.
 - (g) Wine and dine.