

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO
GRADE-V OF MIZORAM SECRETARIAT SERVICE
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PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.
Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay in about 1000 words on any one of the given topics. (25)
- (a) Mental Health
 - (b) Impact of social media in Mizo society
 - (c) Entertainments in Mizoram
 - (d) Education - a fundamental right

2. Write a précis of the given passage (15)

It is very easy to acquire bad habits, such as eating too many sweets or too much food, or drinking too much fluid of any kind, or smoking. The more we do a thing, the more we tend to like doing it; and, if we do not continue to do it, we feel unhappy. This is called 'the force of habit', and the force of habit should be fought against.

Things which may be very good when only done from time to time, tend to become very harmful when done too often and too much. This applies to such good things as work or rest. Some people form the bad habit of working too much, and others of idling too much. The wise man always remembers that this is true about himself, and checks any bad habit. He says to himself, "I am now becoming idle," or "I like too many sweets," or "I smoke too much" and then adds, "I will get myself out of this bad habit at once."

One of the most widely spread of bad habits is the use of tobacco. Tobacco is now smoked or chewed by men, often by women, and even by children, almost all over the world. It was brought into Europe from America by Sir Walter Raleigh, four centuries ago, and has thence spread everywhere. I very much doubt whether there is any good in the habit, even when tobacco is not used to excess; and it is extremely difficult to get rid of the habit when once it has been formed. Alcohol is taken in almost all cool and cold climates, and to a very less extent in hot ones. Thus, it is taken by people who live in the Himalaya Mountains, but not nearly so much by those who live in the plains of India. Alcohol is not necessary in any way to anybody. Millions of people are beginning to do without it entirely; and once the United States of America have passed laws which forbid its manufacture or sale throughout the length and breadth of their vast country. In India it is not required by the people at all and should be avoided by them altogether. The regular use of alcohol, even in small quantities, tends to cause mischief in many ways to various organs of the body. It affects the liver, it weakens the mental powers, and lessens the general energy of the body.

3. As Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of Mizoram, draft an Office Memorandum to all Heads of Departments on 'Dress Regulations for Government servants'. (Keep in view the formal or ceremonial occasions, climatic conditions, convenience, decency and the general economic conditions of the Government servants). (20)

4. Put in the correct form of each verb in brackets (10×1=10)

- (a) Are you fed up _____ (be) a failure in your job? Wouldn't you rather _____ (succeed)?
- (b) Do you want _____ (earn) more money? Are you anxious _____ (get) ahead?
- (c) Do you believe in _____ (make) the most of your talents? Do you sometimes dream about _____ (reaching) the top?
- (d) Just imagine yourself _____ (run) a big successful company. And now you can do something about it instead of _____ (dream).
- (e) It will happen if you want it _____ (happen). Make it a reality by _____ (order) your copy of the best selling 'Winning in Business'.

5. Write the sentences correctly. (5×2=10)

- (a) The doctor has been working since twelve hours.
- (b) We had a great time in the disco.
- (c) The players had numbers at their shirts.
- (d) The new manager takes over at two weeks' time.
- (e) Anna drove at the garage to get some petrol.

6. Make meaningful sentences with the given idioms (any two) (5×2=10)

- (a) To put the cart before the horse
- (b) Apple-pie order
- (c) To fall flat
- (d) To be in vogue
- (e) From hand to mouth

7. Write the superlative form of the words in brackets :- (10×1=10)

- (a) It's the _____ (short) day of the year.
- (b) It's the _____ (beautiful) building in the world.
- (c) That was the _____ (funny) film I've ever seen.
- (d) Have you read her _____ (recent) book?
- (e) It was the _____ (boring) speech I've ever heard.
- (f) You've got the _____ (far) to travel.
- (g) That's the _____ (helpful) idea so far.
- (h) The factory uses the _____ (modern) production methods.
- (i) This is the _____ (early) I've ever got up.
- (j) It was the _____ (sad) day of my life.