

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS OF LOWER DIVISION CLERK FOR PROMOTION TO UPPER DIVISION CLERK UNDER GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM DECEMBER, 2010

PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write précis of the following 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 others have got out of bed. In the early morning the mind is fresh, and there are few sounds or other distractions, so 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 can be 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 labours of a new day.

It is very plain that such a life as this is far more conducive to health than that of the man who shortens his waking hours by rising late, and so can afford in the course of the day little leisure for necessary rest. Any one 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. With all his efforts, he will probably produce as good results as the early riser, but still misses the best working 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 that 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 the work done.

2. Write a draft proposal to the Secretary of the concerned Department of the Government of Mizoram for improvement of Poultry Farming in Mizoram mentioning justifications and benefits.

(20)

3. Write an Essay on any one of the following: (30)

(a) My ideal Chief Minister

(b) Soldier

4. (a) Insert Articles where necessary: (5)

(i) The brave soldier lost arm in battle.

(ii) The river was spanned by iron bridge.

(iii) I like to live in open air.

(iv) If you see him, give him message.

(v) Like true sportsmen they would give opponent fair play.

(b) Correct the Verb Form in the following sentences: (5)

(i) The Director is wanting to speak to you.

(ii) I am working here for five years.

(iii) How I wish I was a King!

(iv) He thanked me for what I have been doing.

(v) Look! The Sun rises over the hills.

(c) Make sentences using the following idioms: (5)

(i) a pinch of salt

(ii) losing ground

(iii) by hook or by crook

(iv) eat humble pie

(v) at sea

5. Translate the following passage into English: (20)

“Hlawhtlinna hi mahni hamthatna ringawt a ni lo va, mi dangte’n an chhawr ve theih tur a ni ngei ngei tur a ni. Mi hlawhtling dik tak chu midangte’n a zar an zo ve ngei thin a. Hlawhtlinna dik tak chu mahni tan ni mai lovin, mi dang, khawtlang leh ram tan hlawkpuina a tling thin. Mother Teresa pawh kha a Pathian rawngbawlana a hlawhtlin em emna chu a neih leh a hun zawng zawng te mi retheite tan a hmang kha a ni a. Kan vanneihna dawn hi mahni hmasialna’n kan hmang tur a ni lo. Chuvangin midangte chan tur kan chan avanga hlawhtlinga kan inngai thin hi ngaihdan dik lo tawp a ni a. Mahni lam hekna awm miah lovin midangte tanpui kan tum tur a ni baw lo. Taimakna tel lovin hlawhtlinna a awm thei lo. Hlawhtlinna hi ruah sur anga van atanga lo tla ringawt a ni lo va, kan thawh chhuah a ngai a. Kan thisen, thlan leh mittui kan sennaah hian hlawhtlinna chu a awm zawk thin.”