

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TECHNICAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF JUNIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM PLANNING, ECONOMICS & STATISTICAL SERVICE OCTOBER, 2015

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay on any one of the following : (20)
- (a) Importance of proper planning for development of a state
 - (b) Rainy season and landslides in Mizoram
 - (c) Effects of Information Technology on the youths of today

2. Write a précis of the following in about one-third of its length. Provide a title. (15)

Trees give shade for the benefit of others and while they and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure scorching heat, they produce the fruit by which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body, if no use of it is made for the benefit of mankind? Sandalwood – the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield. Sugarcane – the more it is peeled and cut into pieces, the more juice does it produce. Gold – the more it is burnt, the more brightly does it shine. The men who are noble at heart do not lose these qualities even in losing their lives. What does it matter whether men praise them or not? What difference does it make whether riches abide with them or not? What does it signify whether they die at this moment or whether their lives are prolonged? Happen what may, those who tread in the right path will not set foot in any other. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the mere sake of living one's life is to live the life of dogs and cows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of a friend, or even for the sake of a stranger, will assuredly dwell forever in a world of bliss.

3. Read the following passage given and answer the questions given below:

In every country people imagine that they are the best and the cleverest and others are not so good as they are. The Englishman thinks that he and his country are the best; the Frenchman is very proud of France and everything French; the Germans and Italians think no end of their countries and many Indians imagine India is in many ways the greatest country in the world. This is all conceit. Everybody wants to think well of himself and his country. But there is no person who has not got some good in him and some bad. And in the same way there is no country, which is not partly good and partly bad. We must take the good wherever we find it and try to remove the bad wherever it may be. We must take the good wherever we find it and try to remove wherever it may be. We are, of course, most concerned with our country - India. Unhappily it is in a bad way today and most of our people are very poor and miserable. They have no pleasure in their lives. We have to find out

how we can make them happier. We have to see what is good in our own ways and customs and try to keep it and whatever is bad we have to throw away. If we find anything good in other countries, we should certainly take it.

- (a) What constitutes conceit? (3)
- (b) What should be our attitude towards other countries? (3)
- (c) What is the present condition of India? (3)
- (d) Are all countries good and perfect? (3)
- (e) Write three sentences expressing your agreement or disagreement with the views expressed in the passage. (3)

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

- (a) There was a bridge _____ the river.
- (b) Tell me _____ your adventure.
- (c) We all depend _____ you.
- (d) The horse jumped _____ the fence.
- (e) The boy was beaten _____ a stick.
- (f) He flew _____ the Atlantic in one day.
- (g) Take this report _____ the doctor.
- (h) I shall go _____ you to find accommodation.
- (i) The sea has a fascination _____ many people.
- (j) Don't be forgetful _____ your duties.

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verb from those given in brackets: (10×1=10)

- (a) The wind _____ (blow) furiously last night.
- (b) I always _____ (feel) sorry for my faults.
- (c) The old woman _____ (sit) in the sun in winter.
- (d) My books _____ (lie) in a heap on the floor.
- (e) He _____ (enjoy) throwing cold water on my plans.
- (f) Siana _____ (sleep) when we reached his house.
- (g) She _____ (work) here since 2010.
- (h) The little girl _____ (be) crying for her mother.
- (i) We waited for her until she _____. (arrive)
- (j) They _____ (finish) their work last week.

6. Rewrite as directed: (5×1=5)

- (a) She told me that she might write to me. (change the speech)
- (b) The thief had been caught by the policemen. (change the voice)
- (c) She said, "I have a bad headache." (change the speech)
- (d) Let him be called in. (change the voice)
- (e) The girl was run over by a bus. (change the voice)

7. Correct the following sentences without changing their meaning : (5×1=5)

- (a) You can get many information from the library
- (b) Bible is the Holy book of Christians
- (c) The meeting was held on the auditorium
- (d) One of the boys have done this
- (e) Tell me who you met at the party

8. Convert theses sentences from the past simple tense into: (5×2=10)

(i) negative sentence (ii) interrogative sentence

- (a) The police caught the thief quickly.
- (b) She found her purse.
- (c) George wrote a poem.
- (d) Those boys drank all the wine.
- (e) I played cautiously.

9. Make sentences with each word in the following pairs of words to show their difference in meaning (5×2=10)

- (a) accept, except
- (b) fair, fare
- (c) precede, proceed
- (d) quiet, quite
- (e) steep, stoop

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