

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO CATEGORY-V OF MIZORAM SECRETARIAT SERVICE 2011

PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Attempt all questions.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Write précis of the following passage in about one-third of its length. Suggest a title. (15)

In India, no one section of the community seems to miss an opportunity to go on strike. Almost everyday we read in the newspapers of some one or the other going on strike, quite often for the flimsiest reason one can imagine.

Strike is a legitimate weapon of the worker to get better pay, shorter hours of work and better working conditions when all the other methods have failed. But to resort to strike because some action has been taken on an erring colleague or because some headstrong subordinate was not treated with respect, is meaningless. Unfortunately in India the tendency to go on strike seems to be fairly widespread not only among workers but also among others. The taxi-drivers go on strike if the police ask them to fix meters. Students go on strike because they feel the question is too stiff for them to answer. Slum-dwellers go on strike because they have been asked to move into new tenements built for them.

Strikers are the last to realize that they are the ultimate losers in most cases. Their gains are only apparent. Increased wages may not benefit them unless they are related to increased productivity. When an employer is forced to increase his worker's wages without a corresponding increase in production, as is most often the case, his cost of production goes up and this in turn increases the price of his product. So, though the worker may get more, he will have to spend more to get the minimum requirements and this is what is happening today.

2. Write an essay in about 500 words on either of the following. (25)

(a) Discipline in office

(b) Lengpui Airport

3. Suppose your department is proposing to start a project on development work. Prepare a detailed draft for approval of the Secretary. The following points may be considered: (20)

(a) Site of the Project

(b) Purpose of the Project

(c) Expenditure likely to be involved

(d) Possible effect on the environment

(Contd. 2)

4. Answer the following questions as required. (5)
- (a) He rode way. He whistled as he went.
(Combine the sentences using present participle without changing the meaning)
 - (b) He opened the drawer and took out a revolver.
(Change the construction using present participle of one of the verbs; do not change its meaning)
 - (c) Being fine the day, we decided to go swimming.
(Correct the mistake)
 - (d) He failed twice. He didn't want to try again.
(Combine these sentences using a perfect participle)
 - (e) She enters the hall. She is accompanied by her mother.
(Combine these using past participle)
5. Change the voice in these sentences (active to passive and vice versa). (5)
- (a) We saw them go out.
 - (b) They let us go.
 - (c) We must write to him.
 - (d) Wolves have been seen in the streets.
 - (e) He should have been told.
6. Change the direct speech into indirect speech and vice versa. (5)
- (a) He said that he had lost his umbrella.
 - (b) He said, 'I shall be there.'
 - (c) 'Is anyone there?' he asked.
 - (d) She asked if she could use my phone.
 - (e) He told Tom to lie down.
7. Combine these pairs of sentences using 'whose', 'who', 'where', 'when' or 'that'. (Choose the appropriate word for each pair and do not change their meaning) (5)
- (a) The man told me this. He refused to give me his name.
 - (b) This is the village. I was born here.
 - (c) The sun had already set. We reached home then.
 - (d) This is the house. My father bought it.
 - (e) The old man died. His children were all grown-up.

8. Put the correct tense of the verbs in brackets. Where necessary order of the words has to be changed when correct tenses are used. (10)

We (not get) much sleep last night because the people next door (have) a noisy party. I (ring) up the landlord and (say) that his tenants (make) too much noise. He (point out) that it (be) Saturday and that people often (have) parties on Saturday nights. I (say) that the people in his house always (have) parties.

9. The following sentences contain misrelated participles. Rewrite them correcting the error in each sentence. (3)

- (a) Waiting for a bus, a stone fell on his head.
- (b) Getting out of bed, a snake bit him.
- (c) Rushing out of the house a lorry knocked her over.

10. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions. (2)

- (a) She looked _____ to see who was following her.
- (b) I am looking forward _____ seeing your new house.

11. Replace the clauses in italics by an infinitive. (3)

- (a) Here are some accounts *that you must check*.
- (b) I have some letters *that I must write*.
- (c) You are the last person *who saw her alive*.

12. Replace the infinitives written in italics by relative clause. (2)

- (a) The pilot was the only man to *survive* the crash.
- (b) We had a swimming pool to *swim* in.

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