

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF U.D.C. (CONTRACT) UNDER COOPERATION DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF MIZORAM OCTOBER, 2016

PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 125

Marks for each question are indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay on any one of the following: (25)

- The pleasures of reading.
- Politeness.
- Job opportunities for fresh graduates.

2. Write a precis of the given passage. (25)

Speech is a great blessing, but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word, or of an ambiguous word, and so on, may create an enemy where we hoped to win a friend. Again, different classes of people use different vocabularies, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike to an uneducated listener as showing pride; unwittingly we may use a word, which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to men of our own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling; only a fool will express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.

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

Most of us feel guilty after we lose our temper. If the guilt follows immediately, we can sort things out with a quick apology. If the guilt arrives late, we would have missed the opportunity to limit the damage in that particular situation. But then, life presents us with many such situations in the future and the option of losing our temper or keeping it.

Sometimes we don't feel guilty at all. We justify our anger, 'Nothing wrong in my becoming angry'. Anger is futile. We become angry to drive home a point, but others miss it. Instead, they focus on our emotion. What we do in anger will elicit more attention than why we became angry in the first place. Moreover, the person on whom the anger is directed would become defensive and would not accept our argument even if we are correct. Some persons consider anger useful. 'Getting angry is the only way to get parents to give in one's demand'. This is a maladaptive behaviour. It is similar to a child throwing a tantrum and the parents yielding to it.

- (a) Why is anger futile? (3)
- (b) What happens if after getting angry 'guilt' follows immediately or later? (3)
- (c) What do we justify our anger? (3)
- (d) Why does some people consider anger useful? (3)

4. You recently bought a computer for your office from a respected company. But it has some defects. Write a letter of complaint to the concerned company, inventing all the necessary details. (10)

OR

You are really disturbed by the increase in traffic, pollution and uncleanliness in your city. Write a letter to the editor of 'Zoram Daily' throwing light on these aspects and also give suggestions to improve the situation. (10)

5. Fill in the blanks with articles : (5×1=5)

- (a) _____ United Express is a daily newspaper.
- (b) Milk is _____ wholesome food.
- (c) John gave me _____ one rupee note.
- (d) She is _____ eminent writer.
- (e) None but _____ able are to be informed.

6. Give one word substitution for any five(5) of the following: (5×1=5)

- (a) A medicine that destroy the effect of poison.
- (b) Of one's own accord.
- (c) Excessive love money.
- (d) A person who entertains his guests well.
- (e) One who walks on foot.
- (f) Order for people to keep indoors during certain hours.
- (g) Having no life.

7. Make sentences with any five(5) of the following idioms and phrases: (5×2=10)

- (a) Pull the string
- (b) To break the ice
- (c) Sow the seed of
- (d) In a wink
- (e) Yes Man
- (f) Next to nothing
- (g) Bag and baggage
- (h) Good offices

8. Change into Passive Voice: (5×1=5)

- (a) My father will severely punish me.
- (b) Keep your city clean.
- (c) No smoking.
- (d) Midday meals are provided to the students.
- (e) He described the situation to me.

9. Change the form of speech: (5×1=5)

- (a) The stranger said, " Does anyone know the way?"
- (b) Fist Khiangte said, " I will buy a new bike".
- (c) He said to me, " I don't believe you".
- (d) The officer said, " He has won the award".
- (e) The lady said, " I am going to Delhi tomorrow".

- 10. Conjugate the following verbs: (3×1=3)**
- (a) eat
 - (b) forsake
 - (c) swim
- 11. Translate these sentences into English: (5×2=10)**
- (a) Tunge khawl chhut zirtir che?
 - (b) Zirtirtu chuan hming a lam mek.
 - (c) Tuman min bum leh tawh lovang.
 - (d) Thutiam chu hlen ngei tur.
 - (e) Ka pu min khawngaih rawh.
- 12. Translate into Mizo: (5×2=10)**
- (a) Carry out my orders without delay.
 - (b) My request was acceded to by the officer.
 - (c) None should be hated by you.
 - (d) One must do one's duty.
 - (e) Do not over-praise anyone.

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