

# MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## TECHNICAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF CIRCLE EDUCATION OFFICER UNDER SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, SEPTEMBER, 2022

### PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.  
Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay in about 300 words on any one of the following topics : (25)
  - Impact of the Covid19 Pandemic on the Mizo society.
  - How online classes affect students and parents during the pandemic.
  - Role of Information Technology in today's world.
  
2. Write a précis of the following passage : (15)

Speech is regarded as a great blessing but it can also be a great curse, for, while it helps us 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 may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again, different classes of people use different vocabularies. The ordinary speech of an uneducated listener as showing pride.; unwittingly, we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener, from what it means to our own classes. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought but one which demands careful handlings. Only a fool will express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.
  
3. As the Circle Officer, write a letter to the Director, School Education Department, informing him/her of the need to provide more teachers in some of the schools in your area which are understaffed and are facing difficulties. (Invent necessary details) (15)
  
4. Make sentences with the following idioms and phrases to show their meaning : (7×2=14)

(a) kith and kin	(b) through thick and thin
(c) a bird's eye view	(d) burn the midnight oil
(e) at the eleventh hour	(f) out of the woods
(g) sit on the fence	
  
5. Expand the following (any three) : (3×5=15)

(a) A stitch in time saves nine	(b) A rolling stone gathers no moss
(c) Time and tide waits for no man	(d) Rome was not built in a day
(e) Make hay while the sun shines	

6. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Life is an elemental essence. It may be contained in a vessel of gold or a clay jar, but the essence within both is exactly the same stuff. Gold does not make it more valuable or clay change its quality. It is immutable. If a man says, "Life is so fine that I shall work for a fine vessel to contain it," then he is possessed by life. If he says, "I don't care what the vessel is, gold or clay, so long as it is brimming with essence," then also he is possessed by life. But if he throws away his clay jar, the only one he has, merely because it is not gold, and so spills essence within, then he is either a fool or he is already in his inertia. In other words, circumstances have nothing to do with the value of life itself. The person who makes the confusion will never find any circumstance good enough for him. He will never value life and he will never be happy in his life. He will be nearest to any happiness possible to him when he has ceased the feeble struggle of his existence and is lost in the inertia which has had its octopus arms around him always.

QUESTIONS :

- (a) What do you understand by the expression 'elemental essence'? (3)
- (b) What kind of men are possessed by life? (3)
- (c) Who is a fool, or already dead in his inertia? (3)
- (d) What kind of confusion is the writer talking about? (3)
- (e) What will happen to a person who suffers from this kind of confusion? (3)
- (f) Provide a title to the passage. (1)

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