

# MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## TECHNICAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF SERICULTURE EXTENSION OFFICER UNDER SERICULTURE DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, AUGUST, 2022

### GENERAL ENGLISH 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 choosing any one of the topics given below: (25)
  - Unsung heroes of Covid-19 andemic
  - Sericulture and Indian Economy
  - Dignity of Manual labour

2. Make a précis of the given passage in about one-third of its original length. Supply a suitable title: (15)

The 'media' is the fourth estate in a democracy. People form the government by handing over their mandate. The media determines the quality of the governance and set the agenda for governance. Media has rightly been described as 'Vox Populi', voice of the people. With internet having been added as an organ of the media, the media has demolished the confines of border lines. The globalization of media has made the role of media multi-dimensional. Apart from carrying the news to the public, it brings enlightenment to the public too. The enlightened citizenry is the most valuable assets of a democracy.

Investigative Journalism and sting operations are the recent forms of journalism. Though beneficial, these practices are embroiled in controversy. They are sorts of trial by media. Take Arushi murder case. They said whatever their investigations revealed on day-to-day basis. Doubt was cast on everyone known to the Talwars. Their sympathisers turned away. The pity is that once an incident involving a person takes place, the media, electronic and print, swing into action. They virtually leave little for the prosecution and the courts. The over enthusiastic media performs the role of prosecution and the judiciary at the same time. It cannot be denied that no one is above law and therefore, mass media should not be allowed to go unchecked. Freedom of speech and expression enshrined in article 19 (1) of the Indian Constitution is restricted by Article 19(2) in the interest of, inter alia sovereignty and integrity of the country.

Apart from restriction of speech the Constitution of India guarantees the fundamental right to privacy under Article 21 of the Constitution. Over-activism of the media is hindrance to citizen's right to privacy and right to life. There is no doubt that right to privacy is an essential ingredient of personal liberty. In their various observations the courts have drawn the attention of media in the following words "abysmal levels to which the norms of journalism have drifted." In another case they blamed the media interfering with the admistration of justice.

3. (a) Draft a letter to the Superintendent of Police, Aizawl District raising concern about the rising number of theft in your locality. (15)

**OR**

- (b) As the newly appointed Sericulture Extension Officer Mr/ Miss XXX, draft a letter to any Village Council of your choice asking them for their co-operation in organizing an awareness programme on 'Sericulture – Prospects and Activities'. Invent necessary details.

4. Make sentences with the *any five* of the following idioms and phrases: (5×3=15)

- (a) Make both ends meet
- (b) A burning question
- (c) In a nutshell
- (d) End in smoke
- (e) By fits and starts
- (f) Give vent to
- (g) Make a clean sweep

5. Expand *any three* of the following sentences: (3×5=15)

- (a) Knowledge is power.
- (b) We live in deeds not in years.
- (c) Spare the rod and spoil the child.
- (d) Paths of glory lead but to the grave.
- (e) A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

6. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (15)

People in the present day civilization have become highly materialistic. Money is the only God they know. Consequently, all their efforts, and most of their working hours, go into earning money and still more money. The life of a rich businessman, especially in the developed countries is extremely busy. Thousands have to be converted into lakhs and lakhs into crores. There is no end and no respite for him. Along with money, come the demands of their social life. To keep abreast of the times, they have to throw and attend big parties, meeting powerful and influential people to serve their business ends.

One unfortunate result of their excessively busy and fast life is the total neglect of their children. The rich can provide their children with all that money can buy, rich food, expensive clothes, cars and every other imaginable comfort and luxury. But they simply cannot give them what they need most, parental care and affection on a personal level for which there is no substitute in the whole world. These children brought up almost entirely by hired attendants develop a twisted personality. Money ceases to attract them and they have known nothing beyond it. Their rich, busy and well-bred parents are one day shocked to find that their children have developed some of the traits of their own attendants which are, to say the least, considerably less than well-bred.

- (a) What is the author's opinion of people in present day civilization? (3)
- (b) What according to the author is the impact of such excessively busy lifestyle? (3)
- (c) How do children develop in such an environment of materialism? (3)
- (d) What do parents eventually discover about their children? (3)
- (e) Find words in the passage which are similar in meaning to the words given below: (3×1=3)
  - (i) Rest
  - (ii) well-informed
  - (iii) characteristics