

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
TECHNICAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR
JUNIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM LEGAL SERVICE (MLS)
UNDER LAW & JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, JULY-2023

ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100

Attempt all questions

SECTION - A
(50 Marks)

*This Section should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.
Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

1. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics: (25)
- Ethics in the workplace
 - Tyranny gains a foothold when good people remain silent
 - Crime against women in India
 - Uniform Civil Code: Problems and Prospects

2. Write a Précis of the given passage, condensing it to approximately one-third of the original length. (15)

It is physically impossible for a well-educated, intellectual, or brave man to make money the chief object of his thoughts just as it is for him to make his dinner the principal object of them. All healthy people like their dinners, but their dinner is not the main object of their lives. So all healthy minded people like making money ought to like it and enjoy the sensation of winning it; it is something better than money.

A good soldier, for instance, mainly wishes to do his fighting well. He is glad of his pay—very properly so and justly grumbles when you keep him ten years without it—till, his main mission of life is to win battles, not to be paid for winning them. So of clergymen. The clergyman's object is essentially baptize and preach not to be paid for preaching. So of doctors. They like fees no doubt—ought to like them; yet if they are brave and well-educated the entire object to their lives is not fees. They on the whole, desire to cure the sick; and if they are good doctors and the choice were fairly to them, would rather cure their patient and lose their fee than kill him and get it. And so with all the other brave and rightly trained men: their work is first, their fee second—very important always; but still secondary to their main vocation.

3. Make sentences with *any five* of the following idioms. (5×2=10)
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| (a) Blow one's trumpet | (b) Hobson's choice |
| (c) A bolt from the blue | (d) Make a clean sweep |
| (e) From pillar to post | (f) Bury the hatchet |
| (g) Out of the woods | |

SECTION - B

(50 Marks)

All questions carry equal mark of 1 each. Attempt all questions.

This Section should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet provided.

Directions (Questions No. 1 - 5) : Choose the correct synonyms of the underlined words:

1. Mr. Nott still retains his plebian lifestyle despite being a millionaire.
(a) Low class (b) Aristocratic
(c) Active (d) Reclusive
2. His sterling qualities ensures that he is elected as President once again.
(a) Courageous (b) Corrupt
(c) Arrogant (d) Excellent
3. She has given me indispensable advice regarding my career prospects.
(a) Essential (b) Irrelevant
(c) Incorrect (d) Accurate
4. The pandemic has shown us how resilient we could be.
(a) Fragile (b) Strong
(c) caring (d) selfish
5. Normally shy, Theo can be quite hilarious once he feels comfortable.
(a) Talkative (b) Aggressive
(c) Funny (d) Sarcastic

Directions (Questions No. 6 - 10): Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined words:

6. Recent events have made them impoverished.
(a) Careful (b) Lazy
(c) Rich (d) Poor
7. The Company was declared insolvent due to mismanagement.
(a) Bankrupt (b) Illegitimate
(c) Prosperous (d) Legitimate
8. I am admiring of your loyalty to me.
(a) Impressed (b) Unaffected
(c) Scornful (d) Amazed
9. She is tenacious in getting what she wants.
(a) Determined (b) Firm
(c) Uncertain (d) Weak
10. He gave her a subtle smile when she walked by.
(a) Blatant (b) Hidden
(c) Sincere (d) Insincere

Directions (Question No. 11 - 15) : Complete the following sentences with the appropriate prepositions:

11. She has bought the apartment _____ mine.
(a) upon (b) on
(c) above (d) onto
12. The headmaster distributed the books _____ the students.
(a) between (b) among
(c) by (d) within
13. The poor man was beaten _____ a stick.
(a) by (b) with
(c) over (d) around
14. She was crying _____ her broken heart last night.
(a) for (b) with
(c) on (d) over
15. She agreed to put me _____ for the night as there were no vacant rooms anywhere else.
(a) under (b) in
(c) up (d) on

Directions (Question No 16 - 20) : Join the sentences using appropriate conjunctions:

16. I will forgive you _____ you truly repent.
(a) unless (b) as though
(c) if (d) despite
17. Keep quiet _____ he sees you.
(a) for (b) because
(c) if (d) lest
18. He succeeded _____ the many obstacles in his way.
(a) because (b) despite
(c) Even though (d) while
19. You asked, _____ I came.
(a) since (b) although
(c) therefore (d) unless
20. We had a good time at the beach, _____ it rained.
(a) although (b) because
(c) lest (d) for

Directions (Question No. 21 - 30): Complete the following sentences with the appropriate forms of the verbs.

21. He _____ in Aizawl ever since his father was transferred there a year ago.
(a) was living (b) had been living
(c) lived (d) has lived
22. The baby _____ every time she sees me.
(a) cries (b) cried
(c) is crying (d) has cried

23. She _____ into an old friend while she was on vacation.
(a) was running (b) runs
(c) ran (d) has been running
24. We _____ more frequently as the project progresses.
(a) will be meeting (b) will have met
(c) will have been meeting (d) will be met
25. The Principal _____ to see you.
(a) wanted (b) want
(c) is wanting (d) wants
26. I _____ a letter to the editor expressing my disappointment.
(a) had wrote (b) have written
(c) write (d) writes
27. It was a sunny day, so we _____ to the lake to cool down.
(a) go (b) goes
(c) gone (d) went
28. I want to _____ a parcel to my cousin in boarding school.
(a) sent (b) send
(c) sends (d) sended
29. She _____ not want me to talk to you last night.
(a) did (b) does
(c) do (d) don't
30. You must _____ to follow the rules.
(a) agreed (b) agrees
(c) have agreed (d) agree

Directions (Question No. 31 - 35) : Complete the following by making the verb agree with its subject:

31. Either he or I _____ mistaken.
(a) am (b) is
(c) are (d) was
32. Rama, as well as Para and Liana, _____ curry.
(a) like (b) likes
(c) is liking (d) are liking
33. You, who _____ my friend, should not betray me.
(a) is (b) are
(c) am (d) were
34. A black and a white cow _____ purchased by my mother this morning.
(a) is (b) was
(c) are (d) were
35. The mob _____ dispersed by the police after an hour of negotiation.
(a) has been (b) have been
(c) is (d) are

Directions (Question No. 36 - 40) : Choose the correct indirect form of speech of the following direct sentences.

36. The king said, "Execute this man immediately".
- (a) The king said that to execute this man immediately.
 - (b) The king said to them to execute this man immediately.
 - (c) The king ordered them to execute that man immediately.
 - (d) The king requested them to execute that man immediately.
37. She said, "Will you help me, please?"
- (a) She said that if he will help her.
 - (b) She asked if he will help her please.
 - (c) She requested him to help her.
 - (d) She questioned whether he would help her or not.
38. He said, "I saw my teacher last night"
- (a) He said that he had seen his teacher the previous night
 - (b) He said that he saw his teacher last night
 - (c) He said that he had been seeing his teacher the previous night
 - (d) He said that he saw his teacher the previous night
39. Anu said to Ram, "I will call you"
- (a) Anu told Ram that she would call him
 - (b) Anu said to Ram that he will call you
 - (c) Anu told Ram that she will call him
 - (d) Anu told Ram that I will call you
40. He said, "Hurrah! We have won the match!"
- (a) He said that hurrah! They have won the match!
 - (b) He exclaimed with sadness that they have won the match
 - (c) He said that they have won the match
 - (d) He exclaimed with joy that they had won the match

Directions (Question No. 41 - 45): Choose the correct passive form of the following sentences below:

41. Sugar tastes sweet
- (a) Sweet is tasted by sugar
 - (b) Sweet is done by sugar
 - (c) Sugar is sweet when tasted
 - (d) Sweet is the taste of sugar
42. She is writing a letter to him.
- (a) A letter was written by him to her.
 - (b) A letter is being written to him by her.
 - (c) A letter was being written to him by her.
 - (d) He is written a letter by her.
43. I saw you yesterday at the mall.
- (a) You were sawn by me yesterday at the mall.
 - (b) You had been seen by me yesterday at the mall.
 - (c) You were seen by me yesterday at the mall.
 - (d) You were being seen by me yesterday at the mall.
44. You are to assist him in every way
- (a) He is to be assisted by you in every way
 - (b) He must be assisted by you in every way
 - (c) He should have been assisted by you in every way
 - (d) He will be assisted by you in every way

45. Mother has chopped the pineapples
- (a) The pineapples are being chopped by mother
 - (b) The pineapples are chopped by mother
 - (c) The pineapples have been chopped by mother
 - (d) The pineapples were chopping by mother

Directions (Question No. 46 - 50) : Choose the correct meaning of the following idioms and phrases below:

46. To hit the sack
- (a) To engage in a fight
 - (b) To perform physical exercises
 - (c) To complete one's work
 - (d) To go to sleep
47. To cut corners
- (a) To run about
 - (b) To do something in the easiest and least expensive manner\
 - (c) to cheat someone out of what is rightfully theirs
 - (d) to make friends with someone
48. to draw the line
- (a) to put a limit on what you will do or allow to happen
 - (b) to make someone your enemy
 - (c) to start on a pending work
 - (d) to agree with someone
49. a dime a dozen
- (a) a deadly mistake
 - (b) very common and ordinary
 - (c) to avoid saying something
 - (d) very rare and expensive
50. a snowball effect
- (a) to avoid something
 - (b) something that is done only to please others and not oneself
 - (c) to do something you have been wanting to do for a long time
 - (d) something that can continue to get more and more out of control

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