

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF**  
**LABOUR OFFICER UNDER LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT, SKILL**  
**DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEPARTMENT,**  
**GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, OCTOBER-2021.**

**GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER-I**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

*Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics: (25)
  - The problem of unemployment
  - The traits of a successful entrepreneur
  - Management of Covid-19 in India
  
2. Write a précis of the given passage: (15)

When a person is pulled out of a controlled environment or work place and is put into an uncontrolled environment, he or she will almost always struggle every time. Their purpose has been taken from underneath them. Feelings of doubt and dissatisfaction will arise, and they might even feel unmotivated. It will then be in the manager's best interest, or whoever is in charge, to help that person adjust and find their new purpose in that new setting. It should also be a manager's duty to focus more on the why of doing things instead of the how. When everyone obsesses over how to do something they lose sight and do not reach their maximum potential. This is because people tend to not understand why they are doing what they are made to do. If a business or organization wants to succeed, their employees need to feel like they have a purpose in being there. In order for those employees to be most successful they must also understand why they are doing what they are made to do.
  
3. As a member of NGO write a letter to the editor of a daily newspaper for a public movement to clean the Chite Lui of Aizawl. (15)
  
4. Make sentences with the following idiom and phrases: (7×2=14)
  - (a) Make a long story short
  - (b) At the drop of a hat
  - (c) Wet behind the ears
  - (d) Around the clock
  - (e) Steal someone's thunder
  - (f) Cut corners
  - (g) Break a leg

5. Read the following passage and answer the questions:

In most Western countries, it is required that every young man, when his education is complete, shall give three, four or five years to military service. He goes into barracks, is regimented and drilled, makes a unit in the standing army and passes out usually when his term is ended, an efficient soldier, to remain for the rest of his life ready at any moment to join in the armed defence of his country.

- (a) Why must a young man undergo military training? **(3)**
- (b) Which, do you think, is more important- military training or general education? **(3)**
- (c) Why does the author not talk about military training for women? **(3)**
- (d) Should military training be made compulsory in countries like India? Why? **(3)**
- (e) Find words in the passage which have similar meaning to the following words: **(4)**
  - (i) Strictly regulated
  - (ii) Deft
  - (iii) Garrison
  - (iv) Prerequisite

6. Expand the following to bring out the meaning:

**(5×3=15)**

- (a) Cheaters never prosper
- (b) Good fences make good neighbours
- (c) As civilization advances culture declines
- (d) He who does not advance goes backwards
- (e) With greater power comes greater responsibility

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