

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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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)
- Man-made disasters
 - Waste Management in India
 - Labour Reforms in India and Development in Economics

2. Write a précis of the given passage: (15)

There are a number of 'wealths' other than the material wealth which relates to money and physical assets. But there is another important wealth which is not generally acknowledged and that is the inner wealth of our mind, our consciousness. This mind is like a wish-fulfilling jewel. If you know how to utilise this mind, it can produce the most beneficial effects. The best way to utilise and develop this mind is to absorb knowledge and the most important kind of knowledge is the one that makes us a kind person, a decent person, a person worthy of respect. The qualities which make an individual kind, decent and respectable are qualities such as patience, generosity and kindness. The good news is that we do not have to adopt or create these qualities, since they are already potentially there in all of us. In this way the wealth lies latent within each and every one of us. So, all we need to do is give ourselves, everyday, a bit of a reason to generate these qualities, bit by bit. If we do this, it will not make society perfect, but it will enable us to appreciate whatever circumstances we might face. As such, we have to be grateful for obstacles because without them we never learn. It is thanks to difficulties and challenges that we can come up with solutions, some of which will work and some not. But even if they don't work, it doesn't mean we should give up. It only means we should try again.

3. (a) You live in BSUP Complex in Durtlang, Aizawl. Write a letter to the Commissioner of Aizawl Municipal Corporation describing (a) conditions in the complex and (b) security concerns. Add suggestions to improve living conditions and the safety of the place. (15)

OR

- (b) Write a memo to your subordinate informing him/her that you will be away for a conference on the first three days of the coming week. Mention any two things you would like him/her to attend to in your absence. (15)

4. Make meaningful sentences with the given idioms and phrases: (7×2=14)
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| (a) Yellow press | (b) Arcadian life |
| (c) Break the ice | (d) At daggers drawn |
| (e) At sixes and sevens | (f) Shape up or ship out |
| (g) Mind one's P's and Q's | |

5. Expand the following passages to bring out the idea in them: (3×5=15)
- (a) A moral life is a healthy life
 - (b) Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens
 - (c) The marks humans leave are too often scars

6. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

The crystal clear, blue water and the magnificent sun make the Caribbean island of Saint Maarten a favorite vacation spot, one that is popular with North Americans during their winter holidays from December through March, as well as with South Americans and Europeans from April through August. The French and Dutch settled on the island in the 1600s, and to this day, the island is divided between the two of them. The French capital is Marigot; the Dutch capital is Philipsburg.

Tourists soon discover that St. Maarten has an intriguing history. Ancient artifacts found on the island date back to the Stone Age, 6,000 years ago! Tourists also learn that 1,200 years ago the Arawak Indians inhabited all the islands of the West Indies and were a peaceful people living under the guidance of their chiefs. Three hundred years after the Arawaks first arrived on St. Maarten, in the 1300s, they were defeated and forced to abandon the island by a hostile tribe of Indians originating in South America. This new tribe was called the Carib. The Caribbean Sea was named after them. Unlike the Arawaks, they had no permanent chiefs or leaders, except in times of strife. And they were extremely warlike. Worse, they were cannibalistic, eating the enemy warriors they captured. In fact, the very word cannibal comes from the Spanish name for the Carib Indians. The Spanish arrived in the fifteenth century and, unfortunately, they carried diseases to which the Indians had no immunity. Many Indians succumbed to common European illnesses; others died from the hard labor forced upon them.

Answer the questions:

- (a) What is St. Maarten? Pick the appropriate sentence. (2)
- (b) Who are the Arawaks? (2)
- (c) What defeated the Carib Indians? (2)
- (d) What were some problems that the Indians met with? (2)
- (e) Give a suitable title to the passage. Give reasons for your choice. (2)
- (f) One can infer from the passage that the following words mean : (6×1=6)
 - (i) strife (ii) intriguing
 - (iii) hostile (iv) abandon
 - (v) succumbed (vi) artifacts