

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO
JUNIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM SECRETARIAT SERVICE (M.S.S)
UNDER GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. FEBRUARY -2021

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)

- Effects of climate change and global warming
- The Role of Media in National Integration
- The Future of Higher Education
- Impact of Covid 19 in India

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

ALL honor and reverence to the divine beauty of form! Let us cultivate it to the utmost in men, women, and children — In our gardens and in our houses. But let us love that other beauty, too, which lies in no secret of proportion, but in the secret of deep human sympathy. Paint us an angel, if you can, with a floating violet robe, and a face paled by the celestial light; paint us yet oftener a Madonna, turning her mild face upward and opening her arms to welcome the divine glory; but do not impose on us any aesthetic rules which shall banish from the region of Art those old women scraping carrots with their work-worn hands - those heavy clowns taking holiday in a dingy pothouse - those rounded backs and stupid, weatherbeaten faces that have bent over the spade and done the rough work of the world those homes with their tin pans, their brown pitchers, their rough curs, and their onions.

3. Budget section has sent a note enquiring about the amounts of grants released from your Section during the last quarter of the last financial year. Draft a note conveying the report. (20)

4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: (10)

- (a) Mrs. Hall has been teaching English _____ the last seven years.
- (b) I have not seen Louie _____ June.
- (c) Call me any day _____ Tuesday.
- (d) She dislikes being looked _____.
- (e) There is no meaning _____ what you say.
- (f) There is nothing new _____ the sun.
- (g) He married _____ money.
- (h) What is that _____ me?
- (i) May prefers cotton _____ silk dresses.
- (j) He worked and sang from morn _____ night.

5. Fill in the blanks with given verbs:

(10)

- (a) I am sure he _____ (come) in time for the function.
- (b) Time and tide _____ (wait) for no man.
- (c) She jumped off the bus while it _____ (move).
- (d) He will not come if it _____ (rain).
- (e) Mother thanked me for what I _____ (do).
- (f) Fortune _____ (favour) the brave.
- (g) _____ (drive) by hunger, he stole a piece of bread.
- (h) If he is there, I _____ (see) him.
- (i) She _____ (teach) for ten years next January.
- (j) I _____ (receive) his mail a month ago.

6. Identify the parts of speech of the *italicized* words:

(10)

- (a) The storm is raging *without*.
- (b) We cannot live *without* water.
- (c) *Still* waters run deep.
- (d) *Such* was not my intention.
- (e) I will not take a *no*.
- (f) Let us *even* the ground.
- (g) Do not start *till* the leader gives the word.
- (h) *All* spoke in his favour.
- (i) Her *needs* are few.
- (j) I am *so* sorry.

7. Do as directed:

(10)

- (a) Someone broke the glass. (*Identify the tense*)
- (b) You will have spoken. (*Change to future perfect continuous*)
- (c) The institution will be opened on 20th January. (*Change to simple present tense*)
- (d) He is having a motorbike. (*Correct the sentence*)
- (e) We are taught honesty. (*Change to past perfect*)
- (f) She had never lived alone. (*Change to present perfect*)
- (g) Do you know where she lives? (*Identify the tense*)
- (h) He helps his father in his work. (*Change to simple past tense*)
- (i) They had not learnt their lessons. (*Change to future perfect*)
- (j) Are they here? (*Change to simple future tense*)