

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF JUNIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM LEGAL SERVICE (LAW OFFICER) UNDER LAW & JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. FEBRUARY, 2021

ENGLISH

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 on any one of the following topics: (20)

- Crime and Law Enforcement
- Role of Judiciary in the country
- Earthquakes and their potential danger
- Telling lies: Cause and effect

2. Write a précis of the given passage: (20)

There is hardly any part of the globe in which people have not settled. In some cases the settlement may be no bigger than one or two families and their livestock, in others the settlement may be a city as large as New York. There is always a good reason for a settlement being where it is. If you look in the atlas you will see that most of the world's major cities are located on an important river or on a coastline. This is because they grew up as trading centres, importing and exporting goods to serve their surrounding areas. Inland towns and cities are often at the meeting point of two or more land or river trading routes. With trade comes prosperity, so towns and cities can support increasing populations. Agricultural settlements – farms and villages – need fertile soil and a supply of water for both crops and drinking. River valleys have both, and so are often densely settled – a large proportion of India's population, for example, lives in the plain of the Ganges river. Another factor determining the siting of a settlement is that it can be easily defended against enemy attack in time of war. Many towns and villages were originally founded on hill sites for this reason.

3. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb: (10×1=10)

- (a) The meeting that was scheduled for 12 noon _____ to be cancelled.
- (b) Everyone _____ it sometime or the other.
- (c) All the participants unanimously _____ the proposal.
- (d) She always _____ a shower in the morning.
- (e) Sarah _____ in Delhi since she was born.
- (f) I have _____ the truth.
- (g) You must have the mixer _____.
- (h) All the money _____ found.
- (i) Writing essays _____ [a lot of skill.
- (j) Mathematics _____ a pure science.

4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: (10×1=10)

- (a) Mrs. Smith has been teaching English _____ the last ten years.
- (b) Please select the gift _____ the shop in the corner.
- (c) It is _____ an hour that I have been waiting for you.
- (d) We usually have meetings _____ Friday afternoons.
- (e) You will report _____ the Director.
- (f) She was absent _____ her cold was worse.
- (g) Mr. Jones had not repainted his house _____ 2015.
- (h) Tom excels _____ sports.
- (i) My boots are made _____ leather.
- (j) He is very patient _____ his students.

5. Make sentences with the given idioms, phrases and expressions: (10×1=10)

- (a) Guardian ad litem
- (b) Sui juris
- (c) Bona vacantia
- (d) Wet signature
- (e) Faux pas
- (f) On the brink of
- (g) Kick the bucket
- (h) In dire straits
- (i) A dead loss
- (j) At a push

6. Make sentences with *any five* of the following to show their differences: (5×2=10)

- (a) Hangar - Hanger
- (b) Hart - Heart
- (c) Envelop - Envelope
- (d) Auger - Augur
- (e) Bait - Bate
- (f) It's - Its
- (g) Stationary - Stationery
- (h) Creak - Creek
- (i) Ail - Ale
- (j) Quiet - Quite

7. Correct the following sentences: (10×1=10)

- (a) One should not look down on poor.
- (b) The boys should not had made so much noise.
- (c) The bus arrived lately so I missed my first class.
- (d) He was thorough interested in the subject.
- (e) The music sounds sweetly and soothing.
- (f) This book is more better than that one.
- (g) She looks as her mother.
- (h) I need to buy a plane's ticket.
- (i) We had time enough to finish our work.
- (j) His hat was laying on the chair.

8. Do as directed: (10×1=10)

- (a) Someone broke the glass. (*Change into interrogative sentence*)
- (b) _____ do they get to work? (*Give suitable interrogative word*)
- (c) You've got a camera, _____? (*Add question tag*)
- (d) I don't like eggs. (*Add negative agreement*)
- (e) The less he works, (happy) he is. (*Use correct form of the given adjective*)
- (f) Waitresses and waiters serve customers. (*Change the voice*)
- (g) He invited mother _____ others. (*Insert appropriate preposition*)
- (h) I was amazed at her natural beauty. (*Identify the part of speech of the underlined word*)
- (i) Tell me what you mean. (*Change into direct question*)
- (j) Do teenagers want their parents to understand them? (*Match pronoun and its antecedent*)