

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO**  
**JUNIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM SECRETARIAT SERVICE (M.S.S)**  
**UNDER GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. SEPTEMBER -2022**

**PAPER - I**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100 PM : 40

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

*Attempt all questions.*

1. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics: **(25)**
- Women's role in society
  - Water supply and conservation
  - Mizo work culture

2. Write the précis of the following passage to one-third of its original length, giving it a suitable title. **(15)**

Social media is a tool that is becoming quite popular these days because of its user-friendly features. Social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and more are giving people a chance to connect with each other across distances. In other words, the whole world is at our fingertips all thanks to social media. The youth is especially one of the most dominant users of social media. All this makes you wonder that something so powerful and with such a massive reach cannot be all good. Like how there are always two sides to a coin, the same goes for social media.

When we look at the positive aspect of social media, we find numerous advantages. The most important being a great device for education. All the information one requires is just a click away. Students can educate themselves on various topics using social media. Moreover, live lectures are now possible because of social media. Furthermore, as more and more people are distancing themselves from newspapers, they are depending on social media for news. In addition, it strengthens bonds with your loved ones. Distance is not a barrier anymore because of social media. For instance, you can easily communicate with your friends and relatives overseas. Most importantly, it also provides a great platform for young budding artists to showcase their talent for free. You can get great opportunities for employment through social media too.

Despite having such unique advantages, social media is considered to be one of the most harmful elements of society. If the use of social media is not monitored, it can lead to grave consequences. It is harmful because it invades your privacy like never before. The oversharing happening on social media makes children a target for predators and hackers. It also leads to cyberbullying which affects any person significantly.

In short, surely social media has both advantages and disadvantages. But, it all depends on the user at the end. Excess use of anything is harmful and the same thing applies to social media.

3. Draft a letter to your local newspaper explaining your views on the current situation of education in your State. **(20)**

4. Rewrite the following sentences as directed: (10×1=10)
- (a) Liana said, “It is raining now”. *(to Indirect Speech)*
  - (b) I wrote a letter to her. *(to Passive Voice)*
  - (c) John has gone to church. Jake has also gone to church. *(Join using ‘as well as’)*
  - (d) Thani said that she had completed her work. *(to Indirect Speech)*
  - (e) Let the door be closed at once. *(to Active Voice)*
  - (f) The cat chases after the rat. *(change to Future Perfect Continuous Tense)*
  - (g) It is too hot to sleep. *(replace ‘too’ with ‘so ... that’)*
  - (h) You do not study. You will fail. *(join using ‘if’)*
  - (i) She said, “Alas! All my money is gone”. *(to Indirect Speech)*
  - (j) She picked up all the toys. *(to Passive Voice)*
5. Make sentences with any five (5) pair of words to bring out their differences: (5×2=10)
- (a) Except/ accept
  - (b) Pain/ pane
  - (c) Assent/ ascend
  - (d) Beside/ besides
  - (e) Confident/ confidant
  - (f) Loose/ lose
  - (g) Weather/ whether
  - (h) Rein/ reign
6. Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition/ conjunction: (10×1=10)
- (a) She lives in the floor \_\_\_\_\_ mine.
    - (i) Under
    - (ii) below
    - (iii) unto
    - (iv) upon
  - (b) She is beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ she is proud.
    - (i) unless
    - (ii) if
    - (iii) yet
    - (iv) as well as
  - (c) The property was divided \_\_\_\_\_ the four brothers.
    - (i) among
    - (ii) between
    - (iii) upon
    - (iv) to
  - (d) the boy was beaten \_\_\_\_\_ a stick.
    - (i) by
    - (ii) to
    - (iii) for
    - (iv) with
  - (e) I must insist \_\_\_\_\_ seeing the property myself.
    - (i) to
    - (ii) by
    - (iii) on
    - (iv) with

- (f) I have no sympathy \_\_\_\_\_ lazy people.  
(i) with (ii) to  
(iii) at (iv) for
- (g) I will not speak to you \_\_\_\_\_ you beg my forgiveness.  
(i) because (ii) even if  
(iii) but (iv) as though
- (h) I will do it \_\_\_\_\_ you ask me to.  
(i) since (ii) yet  
(iii) so (iv) lest
- (i) He was at fault \_\_\_\_\_ he was scolded.  
(i) therefore (ii) as though  
(iii) else (iv) as well as
- (j) Nothing can compare \_\_\_\_\_ the feelings I have for you.  
(i) with (ii) to  
(iii) at (iv) for

7. Make sentences with any *five (5)* of the following idioms and phrases.

**(5×2=10)**

- (a) to be well-off (b) to come to blows  
(c) at sixes and sevens (d) once in a blue moon  
(e) have a blast (f) takes two to tango  
(g) see eye to eye (h) let the cat out of the bag  
(i) to add insult to injury (j) call it a day

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