

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF
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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 one of the following topic: (25)
- Traffic in Aizawl
 - Pollution and its control mechanism
 - General practices in 'Saving or investments' by the mizo
 - The effect of drug and alcohol in the society

2. Read the passage carefully and write a precis in about 1/3rd of its original giving a suitable title. (15)

Nelson, as a child, was not of a strong body. Yet he gave proof of that resolute heart and nobleness of mind which during the whole of his glorious career so eminently distinguished him. One day he strayed from his grandmother's house in the company of a cowboy. The dinner hour passed; he was absent and could not be found. The alarm of the family became very great, for they feared that he might have been carried off by the gipsies.

At length after a long search, he was discovered sitting composedly by the side of a brook which he could not get over. "I wonder, child," said the old lady, when she saw him, "That hunger and fear did not drive you home", Fear! grandmamma," replied the future hero, "I never saw fear; what is it?" (137 words)

3. Write a letter to the editor of Vanglaini about the deplorable state of the roads in your area. (15)

Directions (Question No. 4 & 17) : Choose the correct alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase written in Italics and write it in the answer sheet. (14×1=14)

4. He has a habit of *getting into a row* over trivial matters.
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| (a) seeking the help | (b) picking up a fight |
| (c) getting a right path | (d) giving unwanted advice |
5. The man residing at the corner of the street loves *to cry wolf*.
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| (a) To listen eagerly | (b) To give false alarm |
| (c) To turn pale | (d) To keep off starvation |
6. His speech has *taken the wind out of my sails*.
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| (a) made me think of the future | (b) made me remember my past |
| (c) made my words or actions ineffective | (d) made me depressed |

7. The secretary had the information *at her fingertips*.
(a) in a compact disc (b) not accessible
(c) on her typewriter (d) readily available
8. On the issue of marriage, Sarita *put her foot down*.
(a) got down (b) walked fast
(c) stood up (d) was firm
9. She keeps *blowing hot and cold* and therefore, nobody can befriend her for long.
(a) being unfriendly and critical
(b) trying to cool the situation down and then raking it up again
(c) being good and bad alternately
(d) being friendly at one moment and unfriendly the next
10. The cops were *on their toes* throughout the day.
(a) harried (b) quick
(c) eager (d) alert
11. Anand has not learnt *to cut his coat according to his cloth*.
(a) live within his income (b) improve his tailoring abilities
(c) overcome his problems (d) wear modest clothes
12. My sincere advice to my maidservant *fell on stony ground*.
(a) made one stubborn (b) had little success
(c) was counterproductive (d) had a strong impact
13. He was *out of spirits* for a few days after his defeat.
(a) lifeless (b) uninvolved
(c) gloomy (d) sober
14. Do not *lose your head* in public.
(a) be embarrassed (b) shave your head
(c) get angry (d) get a headache
15. He *made my day* by telling me how important I was to him.
(a) spoiled my day (b) made me resentful
(c) gave me great pleasure (d) displeased me
16. Once the case reached the court, the police *washed their hands off it*.
(a) dissociated themselves from (b) seemed eager to continue
(c) waited for a response to (d) claimed credit for
17. Regardless of what her parents said, she wanted to let *her hair down* that night.
(a) comb her hair (b) work till late
(c) really enjoy (d) wash her hair
18. Expand the given proverbs in passages giving suitable examples wherever possible. Choose only one. (15×1=15)
- (a) Make hay while the sun shines
- OR
- (b) A stitch in time saves nine

Directions (Question No. 19 & 20) : Read and comprehend the given passages. Answer the questions that follow.

The approach of 6 August is always hard for 63 years old Reiko Yanada, an atomic bomb survivor who is now active in a battle to gain better support for victims of the world's first atomic blast 52 years ago.

Ms. Yanada recalls all too clearly that mid-summer day in 1945 when US warplanes dropped an atomic bomb in Hiroshima. A second atom bomb was dropped by the USA on the southwestern city of Nagasaki three days later, forcing Japan to surrender to the allied forces and bringing the Pacific war to an end. More than 1,40,000 people were killed instantly after the nuclear blasts and many more died in the months and years after. Victims continue to die each year from cancer and radiation-linked illnesses.

Today Ms. Yanada is part of a group called Japan Confederation of A & H Bomb Sufferers, made up of survivors like her struggling for a fair deal in life. In Japan, a vast number of people are still lobbying the government to give them the status they have been denied for so long. Ms. Yanada's group makes frequent visits to the offices of the influential members of the district.

A large number of people are asking for an end to this bureaucratic red-tapism and waiting for identification cards. But their demands have not been fulfilled by the government.

During the past few years, this criticism of the government's approach has been echoed by survivors living overseas. Many of them are Japanese, Korean, and Chinese who left Hiroshima and Nagasaki after the disaster.

Questions :

19. State whether the following sentences are True or False. (7×1=7)
- (a) An atom bomb was dropped on Nagasaki on 9th August 1945.
 - (b) Reiko Yanada is an atomic bomb survivor who witnessed the dropping of the first atom bomb.
 - (c) Immediately after the nuclear blasts, one million died on the spot.
 - (d) The government has agreed to fulfill the demand of the sufferers.
 - (e) Japan Confederation of A & H Bomb Sufferers is made up of survivors like Ms. Yanada struggling for a fair deal in life.
 - (f) Ms. Yanada's group makes frequent visits to the Buddhist monasteries.
 - (g) Victims of the atom bombs continue to die each year from cancer and radiation-linked illnesses.
20. Answer each of the following questions in about 30-40 words: (3×3=9)
- (a) Where was the first atomic bomb dropped? How is it affecting people even today?
 - (b) Who left Hiroshima and Nagasaki after the disaster? What is their reaction to the government's approach to the survivors?
 - (c) What compelled Japan to surrender to the allied forces? How did the Pacific war come to an end?