

MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
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COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR DIRECT RECRUITMENT TO THE POST
OF COMMITTEE OFFICER, MARCH 2023

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

GENERAL STUDIES
PAPER – IV

Mark for each question is indicated against it.

*Attempt any 10 (ten) questions taking at least 2(two)
but not more than 3(three) questions from each Unit.*

UNIT – I

1. Briefly describe the seven principles of public life as recommended by the Nolan Committee. (10)
2. What are the factors that determine the ethical conduct of a person? (10)
3. Define human values. How does society influence the values of the people? (10)
4. What does each of the following quotations mean to you? (5+5=10)
 - (a) "An unexamined life is not worth living." – Socrates
 - (b) "A man is but the product of his thought. What he thinks, he becomes."
– M.K. Gandhi

UNIT – II

1. What is Emotional Intelligence? How will you apply emotional intelligence in public service? (3+7=10)
2. Explain **bureaucratic attitude** and **democratic attitude** of civil servants. How a good civil servant balances these two attitudes? (3+3+4=10)
3. *As per the provisions contained in Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, it is inter-alia stated that every Government servant shall at all times maintain absolute integrity.*

What do you mean by absolute integrity? Explain integrity in terms of financial, professional and intellectual. (4+2+2+2=10)
4. "If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and the teachers". Analyse. (10)

UNIT - III

1. *"I will give you a talisman. Whenever you are in doubt, or when the self becomes too much with you, apply the following test. Recall the face of the poorest and the weakest man [woman] whom you may have seen, and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him [her]. Will he [she] gain anything by it? Will it restore him [her] to a control over his [her] own life and destiny? In other words, will it lead to swaraj [freedom] for the hungry and spiritually starving millions?"*

Then you will find your doubts and yourself met away."

How can a civil servant use Gandhiji's talisman for resolving ethical dilemmas in public service delivery? (10)

2. What is meant by public interest? What are the principles and procedures to be followed by the civil servants in public interest? (3+7=10)
3. What do you understand by probity in governance? What measures can be taken by a government to improve ethics and probity in governance? (3+7=10)
4. Discuss the consequences of politicization of bureaucracy and Constitutional protection given to the civil servants in India. (5+5=10)

UNIT - IV

1. Suppose you are an officer in charge of issuing Scheduled Tribe Certificate to Scheduled Tribe communities in a District. Scheduled Tribe Certificate is mandatory to avail housing assistance from Government. A homeless old man submitted application to your office for Scheduled Tribal Certificate without supporting documents required for issuing the same. But after meeting him and listening to him, you feel that he certainly needs support. Your enquiries also shows that he belongs to a Scheduled Tribe community but lost all his documents due to fire 10 years ago. Issuing of Scheduled Tribe Certificate without necessary documents would clearly be violation of the rules from your end. But denying him would be cruel and inhuman since he is already homeless.
 - (a) Can you think of a rational way to resolve this dilemma? (5)
 - (b) Give your reasons for it. (5)
2. You are aspiring to become a CEO of a company. You have cleared various selection criteria and now you have been selected for the personal interview. On the day of the interview, on your way to the venue you see an accident where a mother and child, who happen to be your relatives, were badly injured. They needed immediate help. What would you have done in such a situation? Justify your action. (10)
3. You are a Public Information Officer (PIO) in Assembly Secretariat. As a PIO, you have observed that there are citizens who have filed RTI applications not for themselves but on behalf of such stakeholders who purportedly wanted to have access to information to further their own interests. At the same time there are these RTI activists who routinely file RTI applications and attempt to extort money from the decision makers. This type of RTI activism has affected the functioning of the administration

adversely and also possibly jeopardises the genuineness of the applications which are essentially aimed at getting justice.

What measures would you suggest to separate genuine and non-genuine applications? Give merits and demerits of your suggestions. (10)

4. Land needed for a National Highway project is acquired from the villagers. The displaced people are paid monetary compensation as per the legal provisions. However, the compensation amount cannot sustain the displaced families for long. These people do not possess marketable skills to engage in some other occupation. They end up low paid migrant labourers. Moreover, the benefit of development goes to the industries, industrialists, urban communities, businessman, etc., whereas the costs are passed on to these poor helpless people. This unjust distribution of costs and benefit is unethical.

Suppose you have been entrusted with the task of drafting a better compensation-cum-rehabilitation policy for such displaced persons, how would you approach the problem and what would be the main elements of your suggested policy ? (5+5=10)