

MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR DIRECT RECRUITMENT FOR
THE POST OF LOWER DIVISION CLERK - MAY, 2023

PAPER - I
(GENERAL ENGLISH)

Time : 3 hours
Full Marks : 100

The figures in the margin indicates full marks for the questions.

1. Write an essay on any one of the topic, do not exceed 250 words. (20)
 - (a) The problem of unemployment youth in Mizoram
 - (b) COVID 19 and its effect on Mizoram
 - (c) Water crisis/problem of Mizoram
2. Draft an official letter to the Commissioner and Secretary, Mizoram Legislative Assembly applying for the post of Lower Division Clerk, enclosing your Bio - Data. you are Sangliana. (10)

3. **Directions :** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (10)

One evening we encountered an old Chinese woman at a street corner. Like thousands of others of others she wore a black cotton tunic and trousers. Her hair was screwed into a knob at the back of her head and had been thus treated for so many years that much of it had come out by the roots, so that she was now, like me, but, artificially, balding. Her feet had been bound when she was young so that they were now tiny and deformed and like small hooves. There was a little boy with her, her grandson perhaps, clad in a vest and striped shorts, watching the old lady busying herself with something on the pavement in the angle between the two walls. Here, oblivious of the jostling crowd of passers-by, she had made a humble little shrine upon tile ground with some coloured paper, a piece of mirror, and three joss-sticks in a cigarette tin. Thin spirals of blue smoke; wound up into the air. Now she was laying neatly on the ground beside the tin an orange, a banana, a few red peppers and a small bunch of lychees.

Alf spoke to her, and she started and turned round. Then she laughed and showed a mouth with one old warrior tooth that had long outlived its fellows. Her face was wizened like a shrunken apple and her skin was etched innumerable creases. Centuries looked out from that ancient face. It belonged to a civilization different from ours and older, and it spoke of an approach to life and death, and an acceptance of both of them, far removed from that of any Westerner.

"Something pleasant happened to her in this spot," Alf explained. "She is making a thank-offering. These are presents for the kind spirits. When she is gone they will come and take them."

"But won't the kids steal them?"

"Of course. But that will be the same thing. It will be the spirits acting through the children."

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Questions :

1. What did they see the old lady do?
2. Why was she doing this?
3. What does the author mean by "Once old warrior tooth that had long outlived its fellows."
4. What belonged to a civilization different from ours and older? Which civilization?
5. Why did it not matter to the old lady that children would steal the fruit?

4. **Directions :** Write a precis of the following passage in about one-third of its original length. (10)

In the United States, they have opened their first rehabilitation centre for Internet Addicts. De-addiction camps in China were in the news recently for the death of a teenager because of the brutal methods used to cure 'Internet Addiction' (IA). Our country must seriously think about such centres that help de-addict compulsive Internet-users, both young and old. 51

IA for now is a catch-all term that not only stands for addiction to specific activities such as gambling or gaming, but also refers to longer hours devoted to the computer network at the expense of other activities. Though, the Internet is only a medium of communication and information transmission and retrieval (like the printed book or television), 'addiction' is being used in this case with concern because of a fundamental dialectic: 'quantity becomes quality.' 76

A whole new world is just a click away with the Internet. It is a medium just like books and television, but the amount of interaction it makes possible with others, sometimes replacing the need for real-world interaction, makes it vastly different. Educators, neuroscientists and those others having public health concerns in all developing and developed countries have woken up to this reality. 61

According to expert neuropsychiatric opinion, IA is somewhere between Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. It is almost like the 'rush' gamblers get out of a purely gratification-oriented repetitive actions. 70

5. **Directions :** Fill up the blanks with suitable prepositions from the alternatives given under each sentence. (1x5=5)

- (a) You cannot expect respect from him because he is ^{not} ~~let~~ _____ sense of shame. (in, to, into)
- (b) Dishonesty is always detrimental _____ progress in life. (to, for, in)
- (c) Disintegration of the country is inimical _____ the progress of the people. (to, for, from)
- (d) The scheme of Rozgar Yojna originate _____ the Prime Minister. (in, with, by)
- (e) The Hindus believe in many rituals to ward _____ evils. (against, off, cut)

6. **Directions :** Change the Active voice into Passive Voice. (1x5=5)

- (a) The police arrested a militant and sent him to jail.
- (b) It is necessary to help the poor.
- (c) It is time to wind up business.
- (d) It is your duty to help children.
- (e) It is impossible to do.

7. **Directions :** Change the Passive voice to Active voice. (1x5=5)
- (a) The dog was run over by a car.
 - (b) It is time for the match to be started.
 - (c) I expected the work to be finish in time.
 - (d) You are ordered to be quite. *quiet*
 - (e) He like to be called "Sirs".
8. **Directions :** Give their correct meaning, and make sentences to bring out their meaning. (2x5=10)
- (a) At the spur of the moment.
 - (b) Burn one's fingers.
 - (c) Cut and dried.
 - (d) Order of the day.
 - (e) ϵ Nip in the bud.
9. **Directions :** Give the one-word substitution for the given words/sentences. (1x5=5)
- (a) A person who walks in sleep.
 - (b) One hard to please.
 - (c) A person who regards the whole world as his country.
 - (d) One who is bad in spellings.
 - (e) One who hates war, love peace.
10. **Directions :** Spot the error, if any, in the following sentences. (1x5=5)
- (a) None but cowards is afraid of fighting.
 - (b) Each of these players have been warned not to repeat the silly mistake.
 - (c) Lime and soda is a digestive drink.
 - (d) Intelligence, as well as knowledge of the subject are required to graps the meaning of the book.
 - (e) So honestly he worked that he was rewarded by the chairman of the company.
11. **Directions :** Use the correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets and complete the following sentences. (1x5=5)
- (a) Rama _____ to his hometown in 2020. (move)
 - (b) They _____ the classroom by the end of the hour. (leave)
 - (c) At the moment Liana _____ English grammer. (revise)
 - (d) It's very difficult for us to get jobs here, so we _____ emigrating to Canada. (consider)
 - (e) This time tomorrow, I _____ on the beach. (lie)
12. **Directions :** Give their Synonyms (1x5=5)
- (a) Alien (b) Contradict (c) Brittle (d) Consent (e) Concious
conscious
13. **Directions :** Give their Antonyms (1x5=5)
- (a) Elegant (b) Fragile (c) Generous (d) Lavish (e) Reveal