

MIZORAM SUBORDINATE SERVICES SELECTION BOARD

LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION OF UPPER DIVISION CLERK FOR PROMOTION TO ASSISTANT UNDER DP&AR (SSW). OCTOBER, 2021

PAPER - IV

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay in about 600 words on any **1 (one)** of the given topics : **(30)**
- (a) Essentials for the success of democracy
 - (b) Environmental pollution and health hazards

2. The Government of Mizoram through Finance Department is planning to adopt austerity/economy measures due to tight financial position of the Government. Write an Office Memorandum instructing all the departments to take every possible steps to reduce expenditure. **(15)**

3. Write a précis of the following passage : **(15)**

If by some magic you could be granted a quick wish, perhaps you might wish to be popular. Being popular means being liked by a lot of people instead of just a few close friends and that is a big wish. All the same you, too, can be well liked if you are willing to be on guard against the perils of popularity.

Let us consider some of these. You cannot be polite and friendly to some and to others without the word getting around as to what kind of person you really are. When you are considering other people, take time be friendly to the folks older than you are – your neighbours, teachers, parents and other relatives. If you treat them with respect, they are going to think of you as a likeable person, not as a good for nothing person. And do not forget to be kind to the little kids too. Again you must think of others and consider their wishes. A majority wins, you know, and if you are out-voted in the discussion of what to do or where to go, remember that being a good sport is another way to help your popularity. A good lover does not complain when the plans do not go his way. At the same time do not be afraid that you are risking your popularity to stand up for what you think is right. It takes courage to say so, and is appreciated.

4. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In history we read of great periods in the life of nations, of great men and women and great deeds performed, and sometimes in our dreams and reveries we imagine ourselves back in those times and doing brave deeds like the heroes and heroines of old. Do you remember how fascinated you were when you first read the story of Jeanne d'Arc, and how your ambition was to be something like her? Ordinary men and women are not usually heroic. They think of their daily bread and butter, of their children, of their household worries and the like. But a time comes when a whole people become full of faith for a great cause, and then even simple, ordinary men and women become heroes, and history becomes stirring and epoch-making. Great leaders have something in them which inspires a whole people and makes them do great deeds.

The year you were born in-1917-was one of the memorable years of history when a great leader, with a heart full of love and sympathy for the poor and suffering, made his people write a noble and never-to-be-forgotten chapter of history. In the very month in which you were born, Lenin started the great Revolution which has changed the face of Russia and Siberia. And today in India another great

leader, also full of love for all who suffer and passionately eager to help them, has inspired our people to great endeavour and noble sacrifice, so that they may again be free and the starving and the poor and the oppressed may have their burdens removed from them. Bapuji lies in prison, but the magic of his message steals into the hearts of India's millions, and men and women, and even little children, come out of their little shells and become India's soldiers of freedom. In India today we are making history, and you and I are fortunate to see this happening before our eyes and to take some part ourselves in this great drama.

How shall we bear ourselves in this great movement? What part shall we play in it? I cannot say what part will fall to our lot; but, whatever it may be, let us remember that we can do nothing which may bring discredit to our cause or dishonour to our people. If we are to be India's soldiers we have India's honour in our keeping, and that honour is a sacred trust. Often we may be in doubt as to what to do. It is no easy matter to decide what is right and what is not. One little test I shall ask you to apply whenever you are in doubt. It may help you. Never do anything in secret or anything that you would wish to hide. For the desire to hide anything means that you are afraid, and fear is a bad thing and unworthy of you. Be brave, and all the rest follows. If you are brave, you will not fear and will not do anything of which you are ashamed. You know that in our great Freedom Movement, under Bapuji's leadership, there is no room for secrecy or hiding. We have nothing to hide. We are not afraid of what we do and what we say. We work in the sun and in the light. Even so in our private lives let us make friends with the sun and work in the light and do nothing secretly or furtively. Privacy, of course, we may have and should have, but that is a very different thing from secrecy. And if you do so, my dear, you will grow up a child of the light, unafraid and serene and unruffled, whatever may happen.

- (a) When does a whole population become full of faith for a great cause? (2)
- (b) What is the contribution of Bapuji to the nation? (2)
- (c) What shall we remember in our action in the great movement for freedom? (2)
- (d) What is the writer's advice regarding doing things in secret? (2)
- (e) How do ordinary men and women become heroes? (2)
5. Insert the appropriate preposition, conjunction or article : (6x1=6)
- (a) I have not seen him _____ June.
- (b) She dislikes being looked _____ .
- (c) Where did you keep _____ book that I gave you yesterday?
- (d) He is _____ European.
- (e) Now _____ you are tired, you may rest awhile.
- (f) He was at fault; _____ he was scolded.
6. Choose the correct word from the given alternatives : (3x1=3)
- (a) You have to follow the advice/advise of the Council.
- (b) India has to defer/differ many industrial projects to the distant future in the light of food crisis.
- (c) Corporal/Corporeal punishment in schools should not be encouraged.
7. Correct the following sentences : (5x1=5)
- (a) For what you are here?
- (b) He is right to hold that opinion.
- (c) He insisted me to go there.
- (d) You have no excuse to be idle.
- (e) No sooner I saw the thief when he ran away.
8. Answer the following as directed : (10x1=10)
- (a) This writing is **such as cannot be read**. (Give one word for the group of bolded words)

- (b) That herb is **fit to be eaten**. (Give one word for the group of bolded words)
 - (c) If you wish for peace, be prepared for _____. (Fill in the blank with the opposite of 'peace')
 - (d) If prosperity gains friends, _____ tries them. (Fill in the blank with the opposite of 'prosperity')
 - (e) Give the synonym of the word 'serene'.
 - (f) Someone has broken the cup. (Change into passive voice)
 - (g) A book is being read by Mary. (Change into active voice)
 - (h) The passenger said that the train had reached late. (Change to direct form of speech)
 - (i) He said, "Good bye, friends." (Change to indirect form of speech)
 - (j) This news is too good to be true. (Rewrite by removing the word 'too' but without changing the meaning)
9. Make sentence with each word in the following pairs of words to show their difference in meaning : (3x2=6)
- (a) answer; reply
 - (b) arrive; reach
 - (c) bring; fetch

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