

MIZORAM SUBORDINATE SERVICES SELECTION BOARD

LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO HEADMASTER,
GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL UNDER SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.
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PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay in about 500 words on any **1 (one)** of the given topics : **(20)**
- (a) What makes a good Headmaster
 - (b) Corona virus (COVID-19) : The impact and role of mass media during the pandemic
 - (c) Importance of education

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

Read not to contradict and confuse, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed and some few to be chewed and digested. That is some books are to be read only in parts; others to be read, but not curiously and some few to be read wholly and with important arguments, diligence and attention. Some books may also be read by deputy and extracts made of them by others but that would be only in the less important arguments and the meaner sort of books; else distilled books are like common distilled waters, flashy things. Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man and writing an exact man.

- (a) What should be the purpose of reading a book? **(4)**
- (b) Why are some books to be tasted? **(4)**
- (c) How is man's character influenced by the art of writing? **(4)**
- (d) What kind of books is to be read by the deputy? **(4)**
- (e) What is meant by 'chewed and digested'? **(4)**

3. Write a précis of the following passage : **(20)**

It is physically impossible for a well-educated or brave man to make money the chief object of his thoughts, just as it is for him to make his dinner the principal object of them. All healthy people like their dinner, but dinner is not the main object of their lives. So, all healthy minded people like making money, ought to like it and enjoy the sensation of winning it; but the main object of their life is not money; it is something better than money. A good soldier, for instance, mainly wishes to do his fighting well. He is glad of his pay - very properly so, and justly grumbles when you keep him ten years without it- still, his main notion of life is to win battles, not to be paid for winning them. So of clergyman's object is essentially to baptize and preach, not to be paid for teaching. So of doctors. They like fees no doubt, ought to like them; yet if they are brave and well-educated, the entire object of their lives is not fee. They, on the whole, desire to cure the sick, and, if they are good doctors, and the choice were fairly put to them, they would rather cure their patient and lose their fee than kill him and get it. And so with all the other brave and rightly trained men; their work is first, their fee second – very important always, but still second.

4. Choose the correct alternative :

(10x1=10)

- (i) Amit fell _____ his bike and broke his left arm.
(A) of (B) with
(C) from (D) off
- (ii) Help _____ needy.
(A) a (B) X (not necessary)
(C) the (D) an
- (iii) John waits _____ the bus stop for his friend every day.
(A) at (B) on
(C) for (D) in
- (iv) She burst _____ tears.
(A) in (B) at
(C) into (D) on
- (v) _____ man is mortal.
(A) The (B) A
(C) X (not necessary) (D) An
- (vi) They are busy _____ some important work.
(A) from (B) with
(C) for (D) than
- (vii) Peter is playing tennis _____ Sunday.
(A) for (B) at
(C) in (D) on
- (viii) Gold is _____ precious metal.
(A) a (B) the
(C) an (D) X (not necessary)
- (ix) She has never touched _____ onion.
(A) an (B) the
(C) a (D) X (not necessary)
- (x) He came and sat on _____ bed.
(A) a (B) an
(C) X (not necessary) (D) the

5. Make sentences with the following phrases to show their meaning.

(5x2=10)

- (a) Spread like wildfire
- (b) Add fuel to the fire
- (c) Beat around the bush
- (d) Let sleeping dogs lie
- (e) At a stone's throw

6. Choose the alternative which best expresses the same meaning of the given word :

(3x1=3)

- (i) Benevolent
(A) Friendly (B) Greedy
(C) Heartless (D) Malice
- (ii) Wavered
(A) Waved (B) Hesitated
(C) Stopped (D) Started

- (iii) Emancipate
(A) Restrain (B) Liberate
(C) Abase (D) Encourage

7. Choose the appropriate word which is opposite in meaning to the given word : **(3x1=3)**

- (i) Enthusiasm
(A) Bizarre (B) Peculiar
(C) Apathy (D) Elate

- (ii) Concede
(A) Assent (B) Bluster
(C) Accept (D) Refuse

- (iii) Slander
(A) Modesty (B) Bluster
(C) Abuse (D) Praise

8. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct answer : **(4x1=4)**

- (a) His car _____ (brakes/breaks) failed on a steep hill.
(b) My grandmother gave me good _____ (advise/advice).
(c) The news was hard for Emma to _____ (bare/bear).
(d) If you walk away, you might _____ (lose/loose) your place in line.

9. Change the voice : **(5x1=5)**

- (a) Jane waters the plants every day.
(b) Did Komal paint this picture?
(c) The bridge will have been finished next year.
(d) They selected me the leader of our group.
(e) The hard copy was being sent the other day by Harry.

10. Change the speech : **(5x1=5)**

- (a) He said to her, "Are you not feeling well today?"
(b) "Please, lend me your bicycle for a day," she said to me.
(c) "Lucy will come tomorrow," she said to me.
(d) Justin said, "Guys, let's go for a walk."
(e) She said to him, "Linda has not eaten breakfast."