

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM**

Examination for Recruitment under MGNREGA

Accounts Manager

PAPER – I

Section A: ENGLISH SUBJECT

Time Allowed: 90 minutes

Maximum Marks: 50

Question Papers Specific Instructions

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions:

All the Questions are to be attempted.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

*Answers must be written in **English** only.*

Word limit of the answers, if specified, should be adhered to.

You must not disclose your identity in any of your answers.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Answer booklet must be clearly struck off.

Q 1. Write an essay in about 120-150 words on ANY ONE of the following topics: 15

- a) Mental Healthcare for all
- b) Information is not knowledge
- c) Drug abuse among Youth
- d) Nature Nurtures when Nurtured

Q 2. Write a joining report after availing leave for a period of 3 days addressed to the Programme Officer. 5

Q 3. Make a précis of the following passage in about one-third of its length. Do not give title to it. The précis should be written in your own words: 10

Everybody knows what a “good” man means and how he should be. Our definition of a good man is the one who does not smoke, or drink or avoids the usage of bad language. A good man is ideally expected to converse in front of men as he would in front of women. He is also expected to attend the Church regularly and have correct opinions on all subjects. He has a wholesome horror of wrong-doing and realizes that it is our painful duty to reprimand sin. He is not anticipated to have wrong thinking and has the authority

to protect the young. His duties are not just restricted to the professional front but also needs to spend quality time doing good deeds. He must be patriotic and a keen believer of military training, he should promote industry, must be sober and have virtue among wage earners and their children. He must be a role model for all and it is expected that he leads a way which the younger generation would willingly follow. Above all, of course, his "morals" in the narrow sense must be admirable. (187 words)

Q 4. Read the passage carefully and answer ANY 2 (TWO) of the following questions.

2.5x2=5

The art of academic writing is not easy to master. It is a formal skill, which requires precision and accuracy, and it is perfected by continuous and dedicated practice. Academic writing is the skilful exposition and explanation of an argument, which the writer has carefully researched and developed over a sustained period of time. It is a time-consuming activity and demands patience and perseverance. But the joy of reading and sharing with other, one's succinctly composed piece of argument, is incomparable. Before beginning to write, the writer must ask himself a few questions- Why am I writing? What is it that I intend to share with others? What purpose will my writing serve? Have I read enough about the topic or theme about which I am going to write? If one is hesitant to answer even one of the aforementioned questions, one better not write at all! Because academic writing is a serious activity - it makes one part of a shared community of readers and writers who wish to disseminate and learn from well-argued pieces of writing. The structure of an argumentative essay should take the form of – Introduction (which should be around 10 % of the entire essay), Body (it should constitute 80% of the essay) and the Conclusion (again, 10% of the essay). The introduction should function as the hook which draws the reader in and holds his attention, the body should include cogent and coherently linked paragraphs and the conclusion should re-state the arguments and offer a substantial ending to the piece.

Answer any 2 (two) in not more than three sentences.

- i) How does the passage define academic writing?
- ii) How does reading become an important part of Academic writing?
- iii) What, according to the passage are the key issues to be kept in mind before starting to write?

Q 5. Rewrite the following sentences without changing the meaning: 1x5=5

- i) He scarcely comes to see me now.
- ii) If I will have time, I shall visit the art exhibition.
- iii) I found that he is guilty.
- iv) Shakespeare is Kalidasa of English literature.
- v) Home is place where we earn our grace.

Q 6. Fill in the blanks as instructed against each question:

1x5=5

- i) She _____ (attend) evening classes. (Present continuous tense)
- ii) You _____ (drive) to the headquarters at that time. (Future continuous tense)
- iii) In ten years' time, we _____ (repay) the entire loan on our house. (future perfect tense)
- iv) At the end of the next year, Ranjan _____ (graduate). (future perfect tense)
- v) The police pilot vehicle _____ (be) in front. (Simple present tense)

Q 7. Use the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets:

1x5=5

- i) The child ____ (steal) the show last evening.
- ii) The man ____ (read) the newspaper when I entered the room.
- iii) The teacher said that the sun ____ (be) stationary.
- iv) We ____ (wait) for you since yesterday.
- v) If water freezes, it ____ (turn) to ice.

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