

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM**

Examination for Recruitment under MGNREGA

MIS Nodal Officer

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) Community Based Natural Resource Management
- b) Role of Sports in Development
- c) Social Media- Boon or a Bane
- d) Nature Nurtures when Nurtured

Q 2. Write a letter requesting approval of your travel plan for field verification of works done under MGNREGS to the Programme Officer. 5

Q 3. Write 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

Though conditions change and the environment is being continuously transformed, the minds of men and women take time to adjust and adapt themselves to new trends and circumstances. The past lives in our blood. However irrational the belief, however preposterous the practice, we are reluctant to cast them aside through sheer force of habit. Men are conservative by nature, they become reformers through hard thinking, painful experience or the compulsion of necessity.

It is no exaggeration to say that the last half century has radically transformed our environment and brought more changes in our lives and our thinking than any corresponding period in history. These are the consequences of the discoveries of science and their application to technology. From electronics and computers to nuclear power and conquest of the moon, technology has revolutionised the world. Its pace and scope are breathtaking. The impact of this technology, predominantly Western, or Eastern traditions has been profound. Electricity, is reaching our villages; the television carries the voice of a famous singer or even the exhortation of a politician to the masses. Diesel oil replaces coal; the bullock cart gives way to the truck; the tractors and fertilizers and pesticides are increasingly used by farmers; plastics compete with glass and wood. The introduction of power-operated machinery makes a worker grow out of the routine and habits; and what is more, it alters radically the whole range of his concepts and his attitude to work, time, domestic life, old customs and conventions. Status is replaced by contract, birth by merit, inertia by initiative and enterprise, a spirit of fatalism by the self-determination.

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

2.5x2=5

It is not possible to admit that there is life of any sort on the moon. It is a world that is completely dead, a sterile mountainous waste on which during the heat of the day sun blazes down with fury, but where during the long night the cold is more intense than anything ever experienced on the earth.

These hard facts are conveniently forgotten by those who believe that it would be possible to shoot a rocket containing human beings to the moon, from which the human explorers could land and explore some portion of the moon's surface. The explorers would need to be encased in airtight suits and provided with oxygen apparatus to enable them to breathe. Even supposing that they could protect themselves against the great heat by day and the extreme cold at night, a worse fate might be in store for them unless their suits were completely bullet-proof. For they would be in danger of being shoot by a shooting star. The average shooting star or meteor, which gives so strongly the impression of a star falling from the sky, is a small fragment of matter, usually smaller than a pea and often no larger than a grain of sand. Space is not empty but contains great numbers of such fragments. The Earth, in its motion round the sun meets many these fragments, which enter the atmosphere at a speed many times greater than that of a rifle bullet. The meteor, rushing through the air, becomes intensely heated by friction and it is completely vaporized before it has penetrated within a distance of twenty miles from the surface of the earth.

- i) What would an explorer observe on the moon?
- ii) How should an explorer equip himself on the moon mission?
- iii) What happens when a meteor rushes through the air?

Q 5. Rewrite the following sentences

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- i) Newton is one of the esteem scientist in the world.
- ii) We should always work to keep pollution over control.
- iii) Neither she comes nor she writes.
- iv) It is a matter of gravest importance.
- v) We were happy to see acres and acres of expensive lush green fields.

Q 6. Choose the appropriate word to fill the blanks:

1x5=5

- i) The _____ government did not last long. (coalition/collision)
- ii) The sun is _____ from the earth than the moon. (further/farther)
- iii) We reached an _____ agreement. (amicable/amiable)
- iv) His behaviour is so _____ that no one likes him. (childish/childlike)
- v) Coarse _____ are much in demand now for reasons of health. (serials/cereals)

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

1x5=5

- i) My father _____ (be) eighty years old next Monday.
- ii) The workmen _____ (repair) the road near our house.
- iii) We _____ (wait) for you since yesterday.
- iv) She _____ (read) the newspaper, when I saw her.
- v) If water freezes, it _____ (turn) to ice.