

THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT

Aizawl Bench: Mizoram

English Language Proficiency test for the post of Private Secretary/  
Stenographer Grade -I

Date: 06.09.2016

Time: 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM

Total= 50 marks

Duration= 1 hour

1. Write any one essay from the following two options: (25 marks)  
(a) Knowledge is power (b) Value of travelling
2. Read the following passage and write a précis. Give a suitable title to it. (25 marks)

Among the manifold misfortunes that may befall humanity the loss of health is one of the severest. All the joys which life can give cannot outweigh the sufferings of the sick. Give the sick man everything and leave him his suffering and he will feel that half the world is lost to him. Lay him on a soft silken couch, he will nevertheless groan sleepless under the pressure of the sufferings, while the miserable beggar blessed with health sleeps sweetly on the hard ground. Spread his tables with dainty meats and choice drinks, and he will trust back the hand that prefers them and envy the poor man who thoroughly enjoys his dry crust. Surround him with pomp of kings; let his chair be a throne, and his crutch a world-swaying sceptre; he will look with contemptuous eye on marble, on gold, and on purple, and would deem himself happy, could he enjoy, even were it under a thatched roof, the health of the meanest of his servants.

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