Assam Judicial Service Grade III (Mains) 2025

Paper I · English · compulsory paper

Gauhati High Court · 24 October 2025 · 9:00 am to 12:00 noon · 3 hours · 100 marks

1. Write an essay on any one of the following: [25 marks]

a) The role of technology in the legal profession

b) Social media's role in democracy

c) Globalisation: impact on local cultures

2. Write a précis of the following: [15 marks]

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us in our day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning the mind is fresh, and there are few sounds or other distractions, so that work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air, and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before the timely hour when he goes to bed. He gets to sleep several hours before midnight, at the time when sleep is most refreshing and after a sound night's rest, rises early next morning in good health and spirit for the labours of a new day.

It is very plain that such a life as this is far more conducive to health than that of the men who shortens his waking hours by rising late, and so can effort in the course of the day little leisure for necessary rest. Anyone who lies in bed late, must, if he wishes to do a full day's work, go on working to a correspondingly late hour, and deny himself the hour or two of evening exercises that he ought to take for the benefit of his health. But, in spite of all his efforts, he will probably not produce as good results as the early risers because he misses the best working hours of the day.

It may be objected to this that some find the perfect quiet of mid night by far the best time for working. This is no doubt true in certain cases. Several great thinkers have found by experience that there intellect is clearest, and they can write best, when they burnt the mid night oil. But, even in such cases the practice of working late at night cannot be commended. Few men, if any, can exert the full power of their intellect at the time when nature prescribes sleep, without ruining their health thereby; and of course the injury done to the health must in the long run have a bad effect on the quality of the work done

3. Substitute the following phrases with a single word: [10 marks]

a) A person who likes to read or collects books

b) A government which is based on a particular religion

c) The killing of a human being

d) A thing that is kept as a reminder of a person, place or event

e) A person who hates mankind

f) The practice of writing dictionaries

g) The fear of being without one's mobile phone

h) The school or college one attends

i) Someone who is wrongly blamed for wrongs committed by others

j) One who is able to use both hands equally well

4. Amplify any one of the following: [10 marks]

a) Rolling stones gather no moss

b) A stitch in time saves nine

5. Fill in the blanks with the right articles where required: [5 marks]

a) Brijesh is _____ MBBS but Rajiv is BDS.

b) She is _____ sole heir to the property.

c) It is _____ unique scene.

d) Sri Lanka is _____ island.

e) _____ next morning they went to the river.

6. Frame meaningful sentences using the following words: [5 marks]

a) Laudatory

b) Abundance

c) Restive

d) Malignant

e) Buoyant

7. Rewrite the following in passive voice [5 marks]

a) His father gave Jim a spanking.

b) Ruben wrote a letter to Pinky.

c) Police fired at the dacoits.

d) Zubeen was urging the crowd to sing.

e) The advocate was persuading the Judge.

8. Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions [5 marks]

a) There is nothing new _____ the Sun.

b) Leela was hiding _____ the door.

c) Ravi was driving _____ the speed limit.

d) Fogg travelled _____ the wall in eighty days.

e) You have to go _____ the tunnel to reach Manali.

9. Use any five of the following idioms / phrases to make a sentence illustrating their meaning: [10 marks]

a) Hit the sack

b) Kick the bucket

c) Bite the bullet

d) Under the weather

e) To get off on the wrong foot

f) Hit it off

g) Own flesh and blood

h) Piece of cake

i) Break the ice

j) Beat around the bush

10. Combine each of the following sets of simple sentences into one complex sentence: [5 marks]

a) That is a man. He gave me a dog. It went mad.

b) Honesty is the best policy. Have you ever heard it?

c) I wrote the letter. It contained the truth. He praised me for it.

d) He took the medicine. He then felt better. It cured his headache.

~~e) No more funds are available. The work has been stopped.~~

11. Fill up the blanks with collective nouns: [5 marks]

a) A _____ of Sharks

b) A _____ of Ants

c) A _____ of Bees

d) A _____ of Apples

e) A _____ of Singers