

**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF
EXCISE & NARCOTICS CONSTABLE, JULY, 2018
ESSAY WRITING & ENGLISH COMPREHENSION**

Paper-I 'B'

Time allowed: 1 Hour

Full Marks : 50 Marks

Q. 1. Write an essay on any one of the following : 30 Marks

- (a) Impact of MLPC Act in Mizoram
- (b) Menace of drug
- (c) Menace of tobacco & alcohol

Q 2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below: 2x10= 20 Marks

The 2018 FIFA World Cup is the 21st FIFA World Cup, an international football tournament contested by the men's national team of the member associations of FIFA once every four years. It is currently ongoing in Russia starting from 14 June and will end with the final match on 15 July 2018.

This is the first World Cup to be held in Eastern Europe, and the eleventh time that it has been held in Europe. For the first time the tournament takes place on two continents – Europe and Asia. All but two of the stadium venues are in Eastern European Russia. At an estimated cost of over \$14.2 billion, it is the most expensive World Cup ever. This is also the first World Cup to use video assistant referees

Qualifying competitions for the final tournament commenced in 2015 with 210 FIFA member associations from six confederations participating. The final tournament involves 32 national teams, which include 31 teams determined through qualifying competitions and the automatically qualified host team. Of the 32 teams, 20 made back-to-back appearances following the last tournament in 2014, while both Iceland and Panama made their first appearances at a FIFA World Cup. A total of 64 matches will be played in 12 venues located in 11 cities. The final will take place on 15 July at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. This will be the fourth consecutive World Cup won by a European nation.

The FIFA World Cup is the most watched tournament in football (soccer). The Fédération Internationale de Football Association organizes the World Cup every four years. More people watch the World Cup finals than any other sporting event in the world—even more people than the Olympic Games. The most successful team has been Brazil.

The *finals tournament* is held every four years. In the other years there are only qualifiers (qualifying tournaments) in the six FIFA world regions. These games help to decide which teams will move on. Over 160 national teams play in the beginning games. The best teams from the beginning games win a place in the finals. The finals now include 32 teams. Before 1998, only 24 teams were in the finals; starting in 2026, there will be 48 teams in the finals. Many years before each World Cup, FIFA picks the host nation, the country where the finals will be held. Being the host nation means that their team has qualified for the finals tournament automatically and does not need to play any qualifying games. The 32 teams in the finals then play for four weeks, usually between June and July, to decide the champion (tournament winner):

Questions:

- (a) What is the full form of FIFA?
- (b) How many countries played the World cup finals in Russia ?
- (c) Which countries made their first appearance in the 2018 Russian World cup?
- (d) How many days was the Russian World Cup 2018 played?
- (e) At what interval is World Cup played?
- (f) How many team played the world cup finals before 1998?
- (g) What is VAR? When was it first used?
- (h) Which country automatically qualified for the World Cup Russia? What is the selection criteria?
- (i) When did the qualifying match began?
- (j) How many venues are there in Russia for the World cup games?

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