

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF U.D.C. UNDER SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT JUNE, 2018

PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 125

Attempt all questions.

SECTION - A (50 Marks)

This Section should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.

1. Write an essay in about 500 words on Traffic problem in Aizawl. (25)
2. Write a précis on the following passage. (25)

To carry on their work successfully, all democracies depend on their parliamentary institutions. This calls for the right of free speech and respect for the rights of minorities. Nobody can exercise the freedom of expression without a measure of tolerance. Human dignity, individual responsibility and economic freedom are some of the important characteristics which distinguish democracy from other forms of government. Human freedom lies at the core of a democratic government. It allows all citizens various types of freedoms such as those of expression, faith and worship, and organization and association. Moreover, all are treated alike; they are equal before the law and are entitled to equal opportunities in various walks of life. But democracy is a difficult form of government : it should never be taken for granted. It must function in a dynamic way. In other words, people should never cease to participate, nor should they become indifferent to functioning of democracy. It would be a dangerous thing to do. Those who can look back to the Great War, will remember how shallow were the roots of some of the democracies in Europe, and how they were soon replaced by various types of dictatorships.

Unfortunately, democracy is not always a very efficient form of government. It depends on debate, discussion, and exchange of opinions. The whole process is tardy and time-consuming. For this reason, some people become weary of democracy. Moreover, you have to surrender to the will of the majority even when you think it wrong. Another weakness of the democratic system, paradoxical though it may seem, is inherent in itself. It grants freedom to all including even those who seek to injure and destroy it. In such a situation even a true democrat might be forced to compromise. The practicable might have to be preferred to the idea.

As long as human nature remains what it is, there can be no perfect form of government. Nor can democracy claim to be such. But of all the forms of political organizations known to man, it has been found to be best so far. No wonder, even dictators swear by it. We often talk about the failure of democracy. But more often than not it is the failure of our intelligence. So we should not abandon democracy. It is not merely a form of political organization, it is indeed a way of life. It is an ideal worth to be pursued and preserved.

SECTION - B
(75 Marks)

All questions carry equal marks of 1 each. Attempt all questions.

This Section should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet provided.

Directions (Questions 1-8): Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words.

1. He is willing, yet unable.
(a) preposition (b) conjunction
(c) adjective (d) verb
2. What does he want?
(a) preposition (b) pronoun
(c) adverb (d) verb
3. Well begun is half done.
(a) noun (b) verb
(c) adverb (d) adjective
4. None but the brave deserves the fair.
(a) preposition (b) conjunction
(c) adverb (d) pronoun
5. Children like sweets.
(a) adjective (b) noun
(c) verb (d) preposition
6. They arrived after we had left.
(a) conjunction (b) preposition
(c) noun (d) adverb
7. I will watch while you sleep.
(a) adverb (b) preposition
(c) adjective (d) conjunction
8. Let us even the ground.
(a) adjective (b) verb
(c) adverb (d) preposition

Directions (Questions 9-16): Pick out the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentences.

9. The letter brought money which was badly needed.
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
10. The passage is so difficult that I cannot comprehend it.
(a) noun clause (b) adjective clause
(c) adverb clause (d) co-ordinate clause

11. Where we were to lodge that night was the problem.
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
12. We shall wait here until you come.
(a) noun clause (b) adjective clause
(c) adverb clause
13. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good.
(a) co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
14. I expect that we shall win.
(a) co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
15. Do you know who did it?
(a) co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
16. I found the book that I had lost.
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause

Directions (Questions 17-24): Analyse the given sentences and choose the correct option.

17. The consequences of his carelessness was that the game was lost.
(a) compound sentence (b) complex sentence
(c) simple sentence (d) none of these
18. Life and hope are inseparable.
(a) simple sentence (b) complex sentence
(c) compound sentence (d) none of these
19. A man's modesty is in inverse proportion to his ignorance.
(a) simple sentence (b) complex sentence
(c) compound sentence (d) none of these
20. A lost moment is lost forever.
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence
21. A guest is unwelcome when he stays too long.
(a) simple sentence (b) complex sentence
(c) compound sentence
22. With great effort he lifted the box.
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence
23. I called him, but he gave me no answer.
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence

24. I returned home because I was tired.

- (a) simple Sentence (b) complex Sentence
(c) compound Sentence

Directions (Questions 25-32): Identify the concept expressed by each of the sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given.

25. I must stand first in the class.

- (a) wish (b) ability
(c) determination (d) condition

26. The District Collector can ban the sale of this drug.

- (a) ability (b) permission
(c) probability (d) purpose

27. That would be the right time to make a request.

- (a) assumption (b) obligation
(c) probability (d) ability

28. Unless you work harder you will not succeed.

- (a) supposition or concession (b) condition
(c) reason or cause (d) comparison

29. The railway station is far off.

- (a) Place (b) Manner
(c) Degree (d) Time

30. Shivaji was greater than most of the warriors in India.

- (a) assertive (b) affirmative
(c) exclamatory (d) comparative

31. I will do the work

- (a) command (b) possibility
(c) assumption (d) volition

32. Neither a borrower nor a lender be

- (a) manner (b) threat
(c) alternative (d) wish

Directions (Questions 33-40): Fill in the blanks with the correct phrases.

33. You must _____ the orders of your seniors.

- (a) carry out (b) carry off
(c) carry on (d) carry about

34. If you _____ courageously, you will win.

- (a) hold back (b) hold by
(c) hold out (d) hold on

35. His wedding ceremony _____ next month.

- (a) comes off (b) comes on
(c) comes in (d) comes about

36. _____ your work.
(a) carry on (b) carry about
(c) carry away (d) carry in
37. He met a girl _____
(a) in blue eyes (b) at blue eyes
(c) with blue eyes (d) of blue eyes
38. It's holiday. You _____ go to school today.
(a) need not (b) must not
(c) cannot (d) shall not
39. He _____ challenge me.
(a) dares (b) is daring to
(c) dares not (d) dare not
40. She jumped off the bus while it _____
(a) moves (b) moved
(c) was moving (d) is moving

Directions (Questions 41-48): Choose the correct alternative which is closest in meaning to the given phase/sentence.

41. That which happens after every two years.
(a) bifocal (b) biennial
(c) biannual (d) dual
42. A lover of women
(a) philanderer (b) misogynist
(c) polygamist (d) philogynist
43. That which cannot be expressed in words.
(a) Inexorable (b) Indelible
(c) Inaudible (d) Ineffable
44. A study of human race.
(a) anthropology (b) archaeology
(c) ethnology (d) entymology
45. Soldiers who fight on horseback
(a) infantry (b) artillery
(c) cavalry (d) armoured
46. That cannot be conquered
(a) invulnerable (b) invincible
(c) intangible (d) inevitable
47. Compulsory enrollment for military services
(a) congregation (b) conscription
(c) contemporary (d) colleague
48. Mixture of tunes put together to form a longer piece of music
(a) an assortment (b) a set
(c) a batch (d) a medley

Directions (Questions 49-57): Fill in the blanks with the appropriate prepositions.

49. She sat _____ the fire and told me a tale.
(a) by (b) on
(c) into (d) over
50. India is a rich land teeming _____ natural wealth.
(a) for (b) into
(c) of (d) with
51. We travelled _____ Mr. Joshi's car.
(a) in (b) around
(c) with (d) by
52. He scoffed _____ the ideas of revolution.
(a) under (b) on
(c) at (d) in
53. Nobody likes anyone to intrude _____ his privacy.
(a) in (b) into
(c) on (d) at
54. Many Russians name their children _____ Indians.
(a) to (b) for
(c) upon (d) after
55. Are you aware _____ your shortcomings?
(a) of (b) at
(c) for (d) from
56. The thunder was accompanied _____ heavy rains.
(a) into (b) by
(c) with (d) up
57. Please appraise him _____ this matter.
(a) of (b) in
(c) by (d) at

Directions (Questions 58-66): Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrases.

58. Man of his word
(a) a talkative man (b) a dependable man
(c) a bashful man (d) a modest man
59. Throw dust into my eyes
(a) abuse me (b) hurt me
(c) cheat me (d) terrify me
60. Status quo
(a) unchanged position (b) excellent place
(c) unbreakable statue (d) long queue

61. Much ado about nothing
(a) to make a noise (b) to make fuss over small matter
(c) a play by Shaw (d) talk about nothing
62. On tenterhooks
(a) sitting on hooks (b) confused
(c) pleased (d) anxious suspense
63. Took to her heels
(a) bent down (b) ran off
(c) kicked off her shoes (d) rubbed her heels
64. Heart to heart talk
(a) a good talk (b) emotional talk
(c) frank talk (d) loving talk
65. Grease his palms
(a) talk to him (b) flatter him
(c) beat him (d) bribe him
66. At the eleventh hour.
(a) at a late stage (b) at the beginning
(c) at 11 o'clock (d) at an early stage

Directions (Questions 67-75): Choose the correct form of the verb.

67. Great pains _____ been taken.
(a) has (b) was
(c) have
68. He used to visit us every week, but he _____ now.
(a) is rarely come (b) has rarely come
(c) rarely comes
69. He thanked me for what I _____ .
(a) did (b) have done
(c) had done (d) do
70. Each of these substances _____ found in India.
(a) are (b) were
(c) is
71. My train started at five, _____ in Delhi at seven.
(a) arrive (b) arriving
(c) arrived (d) having arrived
72. He _____ absent since April.
(a) is (b) is being
(c) had been (d) have been
73. Fire and water _____ not agree.
(a) do (b) are
(c) does (d) is

74. Much of the farm _____ flooded.

- (a) are
- (c) have

- (b) is
- (d) had

75. Do you often _____ him?

- (a) have seen
- (c) saw

- (b) has seen
- (d) see

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