

# MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF STENOGRAPHER GRADE-III (CONTRACT) UNDER DP&AR (SSW), GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. May, 2015.

### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

*All questions carry equal marks of 1 each.*

*Attempt all questions.*

1. Parliament on March 4, 2015 passed a bill to amend the Citizenship Act to remove disparity between
  - (a) Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) cardholder
  - (b) Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders
  - (c) Both of the above
  - (d) None of these
2. Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) on March 9, 2015 released a web-based tool Digital Gender Atlas for advancing
  - (a) Girls Education
  - (b) Sex Ratio
  - (c) Equality
  - (d) None of these
3. The government on March 2, 2015 appointed former Panchajanya editor.....as the new chairman of the National Book Trust, cutting short the term of incumbent
  - (a) Sethumadhavan
  - (b) Batdev Sharma
  - (c) Kewal K Sharma
  - (d) None of these
4. Who among the following was on March 9, 2015 selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman for 2014 for his famous Kannada poem 'Ramayana Mahanveshanam'?
  - (a) M.Veerappa Moily
  - (b) A.A. Manavalan
  - (c) Sugathakumari
  - (d) Govind Mishra
5. Vinod Mehta died in New Delhi on March ~, 2015. He was the founder editor of-
  - (a) Outlook Magazine
  - (b) India Today Magazine
  - (c) The Hindu Group
  - (d) The Times Of India Group
6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 9, 2015 launched Rotavirus vaccine Rotavac, developed by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech to help treatment of.....in India.
  - (a) diarrhoea
  - (b) cancer
  - (c) AIDS
  - (d) swine flu
7. Which of the following states on March 8,2015 launched a scheme for girl child - 'Aapki Beti Humari Beti' - with an aim to combat the problem of declining child sex ratio in the state?
  - (a) Haryana
  - (b) Rajasthan
  - (c) Madhya Pardesh
  - (d) Uttar Pradesh

8. Which of the following states launched 'Bhagyashree Scheme' for girl child from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families on March 8, 2015?
  - (a) Haryana
  - (b) Rajasthan
  - (c) Madhya Pradesh
  - (d) Maharashtra
9. Artificial glacier in the form of Ice stupa was inaugurated at Phyang village in.....on March 6, 2015.
  - (a) Ladakh Region
  - (b) Jammu Region
  - (c) Kashmir Region
  - (d) None of the Above
10. Who among the following was on March 20, 2015, appointed as President of Britain's Royal Society?
  - (a) Meghnad Desai
  - (b) Gopal Krishna Gandhi
  - (c) Aundhati Roy
  - (d) Sir Venkatraman Ramakrishnan
11. NASA's Cassini spacecraft in March 2015 provided evidence on presence of hydrothermal activity on which among the following Saturn's moons?
  - (a) Titan
  - (b) Rhea
  - (c) Mimas
  - (d) Enceladus
12. In which of the following countries Indian Prime Minister in March 2015 inaugurated the first of the eight Coastal Surveillance Radar Systems (CSRS) being set up by India?
  - (a) Mauritius
  - (b) Sri Lanka
  - (c) Maldives
  - (d) Seychelles
13. Which of the following Asian countries successfully launched the first indigenous armed drone called Burraq in March, 2015?
  - (a) China
  - (b) Pakistan
  - (c) Sri Lanka
  - (d) Japan
14. India and Mauritius on March 12, 2015 signed Memorandum of Understanding for the Improvement in Sea and Air Transportation Facilities at.....of Mauritius.
  - (a) Agalega Island
  - (b) Rodrigues Island
  - (c) Saint Brandon Island
  - (d) Tromelin Island
15. The protocol signed between India and Mauritius on March 12, 2015 to facilitate import of fresh..... fruits from India by Mauritius.
  - (a) Apple
  - (b) Guava
  - (c) Mango
  - (d) Papaya
16. India and.....on March 4, 2015 signed an agreement on 'Mutual Protection of Classified Information' to provide the framework for enhanced cooperation in the defence sector.
  - (a) Portugal
  - (b) England
  - (c) USA
  - (d) Spain
17. NASA's spacecraft.....on March 6, 2015 has become the first mission to achieve orbit around a dwarf planet.
  - (a) Dawn
  - (b) Discovery
  - (c) Atlanta
  - (d) Opportunity
18. NASA's spacecraft Dawn is the first mission to explore the giant asteroid - the most massive residents of our solar system's main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter?
  - (a) Vesta
  - (b) Ceres
  - (c) Both of the above
  - (d) None of these

19. The Islamic State group began bulldozing the ancient Assyrian city of Nimrud in.....on March 6, 2015.
- (a) Iraq (b) Syria  
(c) Yemen (d) Morocco
20. Hifikepunye Pohamba in first week of March 2015 won the world's most valuable individual award, the Mo Ibrahim Prize 2014 for African leadership. He is the president of
- (a) Namibia (b) Nigeria  
(c) Malawi (d) Yuganda
21. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 5, 2015 inaugurated two units each of 600 MW of Shree Singaji Thermal Power Plant in
- (a) Khandwa District (b) Bahraich  
(c) Sri Nagar (d) Hyderabad
22. Which of the following on March 10, 2015 acquired Total Hypermarket?
- (a) Aditya Birla Retail (b) Reliance Industries Limited  
(c) Tata Consultancy (d) Microsoft
23. Bharti Airtel in March 2015 partnered with.....for cloud services.
- (a) Amazon (b) Snapdeal  
(c) Alibaba (d) Reliance Limited
24. First Kisan Call Centre (KCC) of North East was established on March 9, 2015 in.....
- (a) Kohima, Nagaland (b) Aizawl, Mizoram  
(c) Agartala, Tripura (d) Guwahati, Assam
25. As per data compiled by World Steel Association (WSA), India overtakes which of the following countries as 3rd biggest steel producer?
- (a) UK (b) France  
(c) Germany (d) US
26. Who among the following once again topped the list of the richest person on the earth on Forbes' annual ranking released on March 2, 2015?
- (a) Bill Gates (b) Mukesh Ambani  
(c) Warren Buffett (d) Amanclo Ortega
27. The Union Cabinet on March 20, 2015, approved.....with an outlay of Rs 1500 crore.
- (a) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana  
(b) Pradhan Mantri Vikas Yojana  
(c) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Yojana  
(d) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Samvardhan Yojana
28. Which of the following on March 17, 2015 launched a mobile application that allows customers to instantly transfer money to any person among the country?
- (a) HDFC Bank (b) SBI  
(c) PNB (d) Allahabad Bank
29. The government in March 2015 proposed to set up Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) Bank with a capital of Rs 20,000 crore to regulate and refinance ...
- (a) Micro-finance institutions (b) Infrastructure sector  
(c) Power companies (d) None of these

30. In third week of March 2015, indigenously developed Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air-to-air missile named...was successfully test fired at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur in Odisha.
- (a) Prithvi (b) Agni  
(c) Naag (d) Astra
31. As per the Women in Politics 2015 Map launched by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN women released on March 10, 2015 in the list of women representatives in politics India has been placed at -
- (a) 110 position (b) 121 position  
(c) 97 position (d) 103 position
32. L. Subramaniam, who was awarded on March 4,2015 with prestigious Hafiz Ali Khan Award-2014, is an exponent in?
- (a) Violin (b) Tabala  
(c) Flute (d) Sarod
33. Who among the following Bollywood actors was in second week of March 2015 named as the ambassador for Visit Britain for attracting Indian tourist?
- (a) Amitabh Bachchan (b) Amir Khan  
(c) Shahrukh Khan (d) Saif Ali Khan
34. Who among the following in second week of March 2015 announced Pashu Bhagya scheme that provides subsidies to farmers to set up cattle, sheep, goat and poultry units?
- (a) Karnataka (b) Kerala  
(c) Maharashtra (d) Andhra Pradesh
35. As per the latest data by Union Health Ministry in March 2015, which of the following states registered highest swine flu death in the country?
- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Gujarat  
(c) Maharashtra (d) Madhya Pradesh
36. Author of Man Booker Prize winner novel 'Life of Pi' is
- (a) Yann Martel (b) Philip Yancy  
(d) Chhetan Bhaghat (d) Alexander Dumas
37. Author 'A tale of two cities'
- (a) William Shakespeare (b) Charles Dickens  
(d) Mark Twain (d) Robert Nealsen
38. Author of 'A Brief History of Time'
- (a) Michael Green (b) Roger Penrose  
(c) Stephen Hawking (d) David Sciama
39. Which one of the following books is written by Chetan Bhaghat?
- (a) Five point some one (b) Three idiots  
(c) Marry Me (d) The Clock
40. A popular Mizo Novel 'Nunna Kawng Thuampaiah' was authored by
- (a) KC Lalvunga (b) C.Thuamluaia  
(c) James Dokhuma (d) R.Vanlawma
41. First man to win Nobel prize for literature was
- (a) Sully Prudhomme (b) WK Roentgen  
(c) Marco Polo (d) Robert Peary

42. First woman to climb Mt. Everest was  
(a) Janet Yellen (b) Junko Tabei  
(c) Arti Pradhan (d) Ann Bancroft
43. President of Afghanistan is  
(a) Hamid karzai (b) J. Abdullah  
(c) Sheik Karzai (d) Edi Rama
44. Director General of UNESCO is  
(a) Grey Ryder (b) Michel Jorreand  
(c) Li Young (d) Irina Bokova
45. Which British Prime Minister won a Nobel Prize for Literature?  
(a) David Cameron (b) Tony Blair  
(c) Winston Churchill (d) None of these
46. Cabinet Minister of Tribal affairs in the Union Govt. of India is  
(a) Jual Oram (b) Ram Vilas Pasawm  
(c) Rajnath Singh (d) Sumitra Mahajan
47. Governor of Mizoram is  
(a) Keshrinath Tripathi (b) Aziz Qureshi  
(c) Manohar Joshi (d) KK Paul
48. Chief Minister of Delhi is  
(a) Sheila Dixit (b) Arvind Kejriwal  
(c) BS Bhalla (d) Jitender Singh
49. Sachin Tendulkar was awarded the 2014 award of which of the following?  
(a) Padma Bhusan (b) Padma Vibhusan  
(c) Bharat Ratna (d) Khel Ratna Award
50. India's first man in space was  
(a) NS Tomar (b) Anil Chopra  
(c) Rakesh Sharma (d) Shankar Karup
51. Who among the following on March 15, 2015 won the 2015 Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix at Albert Park, Melbourne, Australia?  
(a) Nico Rosberg (b) Sebastian Vettel  
(c) Lewis Hamilton (d) Felipe Massa
52. Which of the following on March 15, 2015 won the 69th edition of Santosh Trophy of football which is also known as Senior National football championship?  
(a) Services (b) Kerala  
(c) Goa (d) Punjab
53. Mahendra Singh Dhoni in third week of March 2015 became the first Indian Captain to register  
(a) 100 ODI wins (b) 80 ODI wins  
(c) 90 ODI wins (d) 95 ODI wins
54. Who among the following clinched the 2015 Argentina Open title in March 2015?  
(a) Juan Monaco (b) Roger Federer  
(c) Novak Djokovic (d) Rafael Nadal

55. Which of the following teams won ICC Cricket World Cup 2015?  
(a) Australia (b) New Zealand  
(c) India (d) South Africa
56. Full form of DNA is  
(a) Deoxyribonucleic Acid (b) Deoxygenated Acid  
(c) Dextro Natural Acid (d) Di Nucleic Acid
57. Full form of ECG is  
(a) Electro Cardiogram (b) Electric Cardiogram  
(c) Electrochemical graph (d) Electricity graph
58. Full form of ZSI is  
(a) Zoological Survey of India (b) Zoo Soccity of India  
(c) Zoological Survey Institute (d) Zooland Software Inc.
59. Short form of technique used fot testing AIDS is  
(a) ELISA (b) DTH  
(c) LCGG (d) BIOS
60. Which one is a research centre in India  
(a) BARC (b) OPEC  
(c) ICBM (d) UNEP
61. Which one is known as City of seven hills  
(a) Rome (b) Bangkok  
(c) Moscow (d) Singapore
62. City of skyscrapers is  
(a) New York (b) Chicago  
(c) Pittsburg (d) Los Angeles
63. Dark Continent is  
(a) Asia (b) Antartica  
(c) Australia (d) Africa
64. Island of cloves  
(a) Mauritius (b) Zanzibar  
(c) Maldives (d) Lakshadweep
65. Kashmir of Europe  
(a) Luxemburg (b) Spain  
(c) Switzerland (d) Italy
66. Which one among the following is Bharat Ratna award winner 2014?  
(a) CNR Rao (b) Rahul Dravid  
(c) M.S.Dhoni (d) Arvind Kejriwal
67. Winner of Pullitzer prize (Public Service) is  
(a) The Washington Post (b) The Telegraph  
(c) Mirror (d) New York Times

- 68.** Salman Rushdie was the winner of which one of the following in 2014?  
(a) Danish Literature Award (b) Fields medal  
(c) Prem Batia Award (d) None of these
- 69.** Winner of Gandhi Peace Prize 2013 was  
(a) Chandi Prasad Bhat (b) Amitab Bhachan  
(c) David Young (d) Monajit Singh
- 70.** Winner of cannes Film festival award as best director 2014 was  
(a) Bennett Miller (b) Clint Eastwood  
(c) Steven Peielbery (d) Alfronso Cuaror
- 71.** Telescope was invented by  
(a) Galileo (b) Hans Lippershey  
(c) James Watt (d) Robert Boyle
- 72.** The first artificial heart was invented by  
(a) Robert K. Jarvik (b) Ben Carson  
(c) David Coriander (d) Dr. John Pal
- 73.** Fiber-optics was discovered at  
(a) Brookhaven National Laboratory (b) Rutherford Laboratory  
(c) Bell Laboratories (d) Fermi Laboratory
- 74.** Colour Television was discovered by  
(a) John Baird (b) Peter Carl Goldmark  
(c) Thomas Alva Edison (d) Stephen Hawking
- 75.** Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright invented  
(a) Atomic Clock (b) Atomic Bomb  
(c) Airplane (d) Television
- 76.** Electric bulb was invented by  
(a) Thomas Alva Edison (b) James Watt  
(c) Enrico Fermi (d) Isaac Newton
- 77.** Vitamine was originally coined by  
(a) Casimir Funk (b) W.H.Carrier  
(c) Mary Anderson (d) Eidoven
- 78.** Which one of the following is discovered by Von Roentgen?  
(a) Roentgen effect (b) X-ray  
(c) Ultra violet ray (d) Infra red ray
- 79.** Penicillin was discovered by  
(a) T.W.Case (b) Robert Green  
(c) Alexander Fleming (d) Frederick Banting
- 80.** Telephone was invented by  
(a) Marconi (b) C.V.Raman  
(c) Torricelli (d) Alexander Graham Bell

- 81.** Dennis M. Ritchie is the creator of which of the following computer language?  
(a) C (b) C++  
(c) FORTRAN (d) JAVA
- 82.** The part of computer that performs the bulk of data processing operations is known as  
(a) Central Processing Unit (CPU) (b) Arithmetic and Logic Unit (ALU)  
(c) Random Access Memory (RAM) (d) Read Only Memory (ROM)
- 83.** How many types of RAM are there?  
(a) Only one (b) Two  
(c) Three (d) Four
- 84.** Which one can be used / re used for storing data by writing, modifying and erasing the old data?  
(a) Magnetic tape (b) Electrical tape  
(c) Electromagnetic tape (d) ROM
- 85.** A magnetic disk which stores and provides relatively quick access to large amounts of data is  
(a) Dynamic RAM (b) Static RAM  
(c) ROM (d) Hard disk
- 86.** Which one can be electrically erased and reprogrammed?  
(a) Protocol (b) Modem  
(c) Flash Memory (d) Gateway
- 87.** Specific names used in URLs to identify particular Web pages are called  
(a) Network (b) Domain  
(c) Protocol (d) Register set
- 88.** Which one is Supercomputer of India?  
(a) Param Padma (b) Akash  
(c) Agni (d) Prithvi
- 89.** What is the full form of HTTP in connection with internet?  
(a) Hypertext Transfer Protocol (b) Hypertext Transfer Principle  
(c) Hypertext Transverse Protocol (d) None of these
- 90.** The full form of CDMA in connection with communication  
(a) Code Division Multiple Access (b) Codeless Division Multiple Access  
(c) Code Division Multiple Accessory (d) Code Dividing Multiple Access
- 91.** Capital city of Argentina is  
(a) Montevideo (b) Buenos Aires  
(c) Cordoba (d) Lapaz
- 92.** Budapest is the Capital city of  
(a) Hungary (b) Bulgary  
(c) Romania (d) Slovenia
- 93.** Currency of Mauritius is  
(a) Dollar (b) Rupee  
(c) Mauritius Pound (d) Yuan



- 94.** Krona is the currency of  
(a) Sweden (b) Finland  
(c) Pakistan (d) Cameroon
- 95.** Capital city and Currency of Iran is  
(a) Tehran, Pound (b) Tehran, Euro  
(c) Baghdad, Riyal (d) Tehran, Riyal
- 96.** The first Secretary General of UNO was  
(a) Trygve Lie (b) Koffi Annan  
(c) Banki Moon (d) U Thant
- 97.** Which agency under UNO is responsible for improvement of living conditions of rural populations?  
(a) WHO (b) FAO  
(c) UNICEF (d) UNESCO
- 98.** The main objective of Asian Development Bank (ADB) which is under UNO is  
(a) To develop mutual cooperation  
(b) To promote regional education  
(c) To promote regional economic cooperation  
(d) To promote trade and investment in the Pacific basin
- 99.** Headquarter of World Trade Organisation (WTO) is in  
(a) Berlin (b) New York  
(c) Paris (d) Geneva
- 100.** To promote economic cooperation among developing nations is the main objective of  
(a) G-15 (b) G-8  
(c) G-20 (d) African Union

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