

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TECHNICAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF COACH GRADE - I UNDER SPORTS & YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. APRIL, 2019

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Attempt all questions.

SECTION - A

(20 Marks)

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

1. Write an essay choosing any one of the topics given below:

- Child Labour
- Save water, Save life
- Importance of Sports

SECTION - B

(80 Marks)

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

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

Direction for Questions 1 - 7 : Read the following passages and answer the following questions on the basis of information provided in the passage.

The first thing the children wanted to do at the zoo was to ride the elephant. They were frightened as they climbed the ladder to take their seats on the swaying back of the huge beast. Elephants seem awkward creatures as they move along heavily, their legs covered with loose folds of tough skin and their trunk swinging from side to side in search of food or drink. An elephant has great strength in its trunk, and can drag heavy loads with ropes, but it can also use its trunk to pick up small articles such as coins or nuts from the ground.

After their ride on the elephant, the children went to see the lions and tigers. Crowds of people stood watching, protected from the cruel beasts by the strong metal bars of the cages.

From there, they went to see the monkeys. Those merry creatures were jumping about the rocks, swinging on the wires of their cages, or begging for nuts from the passers-by. If anyone annoyed them, they would scold him angrily and beat their chests with their hands.

In the end, they saw some curious creatures like the giraffe with its long neck and the camel with its short beard.

1. Which of the following is the reaction of monkeys when they get irritated?
 - (a) They jump about the rock
 - (b) They swing on the wire of the cage
 - (c) They beat their chest
 - (d) They beg from visitors
2. The cages of lions are made of strong metals bars in order to-
 - (a) Protect visitors from the lions
 - (b) Protect lions from other animals
 - (c) Ensure the durability of the cages
 - (d) Enable the visitors to see the lions
3. Which of the following is the chief function of the trunk of the elephants?
 - (a) Picking up small articles like coins from the ground
 - (b) Eating food and drinking water
 - (c) Swaying from side to side
 - (d) Dragging heavy loads
4. The children were afraid of riding on the elephant as-
 - (a) The elephant looked awkward
 - (b) The back of the elephant was swaying
 - (c) The trunk of the elephant was swinging
 - (d) The elephant was dragging heavy loads
5. Which of the following is a ferocious animal?
 - (a) Giraffe
 - (b) Elephant
 - (c) Camel
 - (d) None of these
6. Which of the following does not make the elephant awkward in appearance?
 - (a) Its long trunk
 - (b) Its heavy movement
 - (c) Loose folds on its legs
 - (d) None of these
7. Which of the following is typical of the giraffe?
 - (a) Hump on the back
 - (b) Tough skin
 - (c) Swaying back
 - (d) Long neck

Direction for Questions 8 - 12 : Read the following passages and answer the following questions on the basis of information provided in the passage.

Most of us use the products of science – railways, aeroplanes, electricity, wireless and thousands of others – without thinking how they came into existence. We take them for granted, as if we were entitled to them as a matter of right. We are very proud of the fact that we live in an advanced age and are ourselves very advanced. Now, there is no doubt that our age is very different from previous ages and I think it is perfectly correct to say that it is far more advanced. But it is a different thing from saying that we, as individuals or groups, are more advanced. It would be the height of absurdity to say that because an engine driver can run an engine and Plato or Socrates could not, the engine driver is more advanced than, or is superior to, Plato or Socrates. But it would be perfectly correct to say that the engine itself is a more advanced method of locomotion than Plato's chariot was.

8. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (a) An engine driver is cleverer than Plato or Socrates
 - (b) Plato or Socrates are in no way inferior to the engine driver
 - (c) Plato and Socrates surpassed the engine driver in every respect
 - (d) The engine driver cannot be compared to Plato or Socrates
9. In this passage, the author mentions Plato and Socrates to emphasise that-
 - (a) They were men of great scholarship
 - (b) People as individuals in the modern age are not more advanced than their predecessors
 - (c) The engine is a better mode of locomotion than Plato's chariot
 - (d) Plato and Socrates had greater respect for learning

10. According to the author, the present age is far more advanced than-
- (a) All the previous ages in some respects
 - (b) The age of Plato and Socrates in some respects
 - (c) Some of the previous ages in all respects
 - (d) All the previous ages in all respects
11. Many of us make use of machines-
- (a) With very little knowledge of their mechanism
 - (b) Without any knowledge of their historical significance
 - (c) With full knowledge of their genesis
 - (d) Without knowing how they were invented
12. People today are very proud because they live-
- (a) In a philosophically advanced age
 - (b) In a materially advanced age
 - (c) In a scientifically advanced age
 - (d) In a spiritually advanced age

Direction for Questions 13 - 18 : Analyse the given sentences and choose the correct one from the options given.

13. He fell as I fired.
- (a) Simple
 - (b) Compound
 - (c) Complex
14. He was going along this road, and met a dragon.
- (a) Simple
 - (b) Compound
 - (c) Complex
15. It is so cold so I shall wear a coat.
- (a) Simple
 - (b) Compound
 - (c) Complex
16. I have long suspected his poverty.
- (a) Simple
 - (b) Compound
 - (c) Complex
17. Where he is hiding is still unknown.
- (a) Simple
 - (b) Compound
 - (c) Complex
18. The value which exercise has is great.
- (a) Simple
 - (b) Compound
 - (c) Complex

Direction for Questions 19 - 23 : Name the kind of Clauses of the underlined words in the sentences.

19. Will you wait till I return?
- (a) Noun Clause
 - (b) Adverb Clause
 - (c) Adjective Clause
20. No one knows who he is.
- (a) Noun Clause
 - (b) Adverb Clause
 - (c) Adjective Clause

21. The law will punish whosoever is guilty.
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adverb Clause
(c) Adjective Clause
22. Do as you please.
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adverb Clause
(c) Adjective Clause
23. He laughs best who laughs last.
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adverb Clause
(c) Adjective Clause

Direction for Questions 24 - 28 : Identify the following by choosing one of the alternatives given.

24. Everyone present cheered.
(a) Affirmative (b) Assertive
(c) Imperative (d) Negative
25. I am never without love for my country.
(a) Affirmative (b) Assertive
(c) Imperative (d) Negative
26. I wish I were young again.
(a) Affirmative (b) Assertive
(c) Imperative (d) Negative
27. What might be done, if men were wise!
(a) Imperative (b) Interogative
(c) Negative (d) Exclamatory
28. I wish I had the wings of a dove.
(a) Imperative (b) Affirmative
(c) Assertive (d) Negative

Direction for Questions 29 - 34 : Choose the word which best fills the blank from the options.

29. Most of the issues discussed here in the meeting were trivial and only a few were _____.
(a) interesting (b) practical
(c) significant (d) irrelevant
30. Though they did not speak to each other much, there was a _____ understanding between them.
(a) placid (b) tacit
(c) contractual (d) verbal
31. You have no business to _____ pain on a weak and poor person.
(a) inflict (b) put
(c) direct (d) force
32. Even more than beauty, youth attracts me with _____ appeal.
(a) an incomprehensible (b) a delectable
(c) an irresistible (d) a sententious
33. His moral decadence was marked by his _____ from the ways of integrity and honesty.
(a) obsession (b) departure
(c) opprobrium (d) declivity

34. His monotonous voice acted like _____ and his audience was soon asleep.
- (a) an emetic (b) a purgative
(c) an anaesthetic (d) a sedative

Direction for Questions 35 - 39 : Select the opposite of the given word from the choice below:

35. Curtail
(a) increase (b) limit
(c) penalize (d) expand
36. Bane
(a) source (b) courage
(c) divinity (d) blessing
37. Gruesome
(a) terrible (b) ghastly
(c) pleasing (d) macabre
38. Hefty
(a) half – hearted (b) light
(c) heacy (d) halved
39. Abhor
(a) inspire (b) credit
(c) admire (d) improve

Direction for Questions 40 - 44 : Out of the given alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words or Sentence.

40. A short walk for pleasure or exercise
(a) jog (b) stroll
(c) gallop (d) promenade
41. A person who is filled with excessive enthusiasm
(a) extrovert (b) fanatic
(c) fastidious (d) introvert
42. One who abstains totally from alcoholic drinks
(a) recluse (b) teetotaler
(c) stoic (d) sceptic
43. To move along with quick, short twisting actions
(a) swagger (b) crawl
(c) stumble (d) wriggle
44. Constant effort to achieve something
(a) vigour (b) enthusiasm
(c) perseverance (d) attempt

Direction for Questions 45 - 51 : Identify the parts of speech of each underlined words.

45. I know better.
- (a) Adjective (b) Adverb
(c) Verb (d) Noun

46. You cannot have it both ways.
(a) Adjective (b) Adverb
(c) Verb (d) Noun
47. Much of it is true.
(a) Adjective (b) Adverb
(c) Noun (d) Pronoun
48. Once he hesitates we have him.
(a) Adverb (b) Conjunction
(c) Pronoun (d) Adjective
49. I will not take a no.
(a) Adverb (b) Noun
(c) Verb (d) Adjective
50. Both of them are dead.
(a) Pronoun (b) Adjective
(c) Adverb (d) Noun
51. We shall round the cape in safety.
(a) Adverb (b) Noun
(c) Verb (d) Conjunction

Direction for Questions 52 - 58 : Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition given below each sentence.

52. He is sensible _____ your kindness.
(a) for (b) of
(c) to (d) with
53. The event came _____ as he had predicted.
(a) about (b) up
(c) off (d) by
54. He will abide _____ his friend Ramesh in all circumstances.
(a) to (b) with
(c) by (d) along
55. Your statement is replete _____ contradictions
(a) by (b) of
(c) in (d) with
56. I congratulate you _____ your success.
(a) for (b) on
(c) at (d) in
57. Shall we dispense _____ the formalities?
(a) with (b) on
(c) off (d) in
58. History records seventeen incursions of Sultan Mahmood _____ India.
(a) against (b) on
(c) into (d) upon

Direction for Questions 59 - 64 : Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate form of the verbs given.

59. His mother _____ to the temple every day.
(a) is going (b) was going
(c) go (d) goes
60. I _____ myself when he called on me.
(a) prepared (b) have been preparing
(c) was preparing (d) an preparing
61. She _____ this secret since long.
(a) has been hiding (b) hid
(c) has hidden (d) is hiding
62. I _____ my mother tomorrow.
(a) will have been helping (b) will be helping
(c) will help (d) helped
63. I am sure I _____ her before.
(a) saw (b) had seen
(c) did see (d) have seen
64. Whenever I _____ to contact him, he evaded.
(a) tried (b) try
(c) had tried (d) have tried

Direction for Questions 65 - 72 : Choose the correct meaning of Idioms and Phrases written in bold letters from the four alternatives given.

65. He is suspected of **feathering his own nest**.
(a) being lazy in doing his work (b) being too generous
(c) neglecting his job (d) making money unfairly
66. Believe me, I am **all at sea**.
(a) puzzled (b) out of reach
(c) very happy (d) drowning
67. It is evident from the Minister's statement that **heads will roll**.
(a) Transfers will take place (b) People will die
(c) dismissals will occur (d) Heads of department will have to repent
68. He **burnt his fingers** by interfering in his neighbour's affair.
(a) got himself into trouble (b) burnt himself
(c) got himself insulted (d) got rebuked
69. He has **made his mark** in politics.
(a) attained notoriety (b) ruined his wealth
(c) acquired wealth (d) distinguished himself
70. A movement for the world unity is **in the offing**.
(a) at the end (b) about to start
(c) on decline (d) in the air
71. Rahul fought **tooth and nail** to save his company.
(a) with weapons (b) as best as he could
(c) using unfair means (d) with strength and fury

72. The referee **turned a deaf ear** to the pleadings of the players.
- (a) Listened carefully
 - (b) was deadily opposed
 - (c) did not pay any attention
 - (d) posed indifference

Direction for Questions 73 - 80 : Choose the exact meaning of idiomatic expressions/phrases.

73. Go to rack and ruin
- (a) a state of utter chaos
 - (b) a state of despair
 - (c) get into a bad condition
 - (d) a condition of exhilaration
74. Too many Chiefs and not enough Indians.
- (a) an inefficient situation
 - (b) a proud gathering
 - (c) an anti-national meeting
 - (d) a top level meeting
75. A gentleman at large
- (a) a man in the crowd
 - (b) a man without a job
 - (c) a man who runs around
 - (d) a man who is generous
76. To worship the rising sun
- (a) to run away from difficulties
 - (b) to assume responsibility
 - (c) to show support with new power
 - (d) to be an early riser
77. Cut a sorry figure.
- (a) looked reasonable
 - (b) behaved awkwardly
 - (c) seemed strange
 - (d) appeared ridiculous
78. A cock and bull story
- (a) an interesting story
 - (b) a detective story
 - (c) a concocted story
 - (d) a relevant story
79. Made a clean breast
- (a) confessed
 - (b) covered
 - (c) approved
 - (d) concluded
80. In abeyance
- (a) in absence
 - (b) in no time
 - (c) in a nutshell
 - (d) in suspension

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