

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF**  
**LIBRARIAN UNDER HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT (LUNGLEI)**  
**GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. MAY -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 on *any one* of the following: (20)
- The most memorable book that I have read.
  - Ways to make Aizawl a better place.
  - Smart phones in a student's life.

**SECTION - B**  
**(80 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 – 10) : Identify the parts of speech of each underlined words :**

1. She is very fond of music.  
(a) Conjunction (b) Adjective  
(c) Preposition (d) Verb
2. The newspaper boy comes here daily.  
(a) Adverb (b) Pronoun  
(c) Conjunction (d) Preposition
3. I wonder when he will come.  
(a) Adjective (b) Conjunction  
(c) Interjection (d) Preposition
4. The class is studying Chemistry.  
(a) Pronoun (b) Adjective  
(c) Noun (d) Adverb
5. Nobody was there to take care of the baby.  
(a) Adverb (b) Noun  
(c) Preposition (d) Pronoun

6. Wow! What a pleasant surprise!  
(a) Noun (b) Conjunction  
(c) Interjection (d) Preposition
7. Fifty miles is a good distance.  
(a) Verb (b) Pronoun  
(c) Conjunction (d) Preposition
8. The girl has little knowledge of what she is doing.  
(a) Conjunction (b) Adjective  
(c) Preposition (d) Adverb
9. Surely you are mistaken this time.  
(a) Interjection (b) Preposition  
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
10. I read the newspaper because it highlights the breaking news.  
(a) Adjective (b) Preposition  
(c) Conjunction (d) Pronoun

**Directions (Questions 11 – 15) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs from the four alternatives given below:**

11. She \_\_\_\_\_ coffee every morning.  
(a) is drinking (b) drinks  
(c) will drink (d) has been drinking
12. They \_\_\_\_\_ playing football since three O'clock.  
(a) have been (b) are  
(c) had been (d) were
13. The cat \_\_\_\_\_ the bird before it flew out of the yard.  
(a) was chasing (b) chases  
(c) had chased (d) has chased
14. Shopping online \_\_\_\_\_ in popularity nowadays.  
(a) has grown (b) will grow  
(c) was growing (d) is growing
15. I'm sure I \_\_\_\_\_ her at the coffee shop last night.  
(a) saw (b) have seen  
(c) had seen (d) see

**Directions (Questions 16 – 20) : Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns from the alternatives given under each sentence:**

16. One must not boast of \_\_\_\_\_ own success.  
(a) his (b) her  
(c) one's (d) one
17. My grandfather, \_\_\_\_\_ I loved so dearly, is dead.  
(a) whom (b) who  
(c) which (d) that

18. \_\_\_\_\_ of these dogs belongs to our neighbour.  
(a) all (b) each  
(c) some (d) either
19. Most of us get \_\_\_\_\_ we deserve.  
(a) whichever (b) what  
(c) whatever (d) which
20. This is the same woman \_\_\_\_\_ I met in the hospital yesterday.  
(a) who (b) whom  
(c) as (d) which

**Directions (Questions 36 – 40) : Insert appropriate articles if necessary, to fill up the gaps.**

21. Mr. Sharma was elected \_\_\_\_\_ chairman of the School Managing Board.  
(a) a (b) an  
(c) the (d) none
22. My younger brother is studying M.A. in \_\_\_\_\_ university.  
(a) a (b) an  
(c) the (d) none
23. She is playing with a black and \_\_\_\_\_ white kitten.  
(a) a (b) an  
(c) the (d) none
24. Mercy's uncle is \_\_\_\_\_ S.D.O. in the Department of Power & Electricity.  
(a) a (b) an  
(c) the (d) none
25. \_\_\_\_\_ English are generally hospitable and broad minded.  
(a) a (b) an  
(c) the (d) none

**Directions (Question 41 – 48): Analyze the given sentences and choose the correct option:**

26. The girl ran into her bedroom.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence
27. We are all sorry to hear that he has failed in the examination.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence
28. On hearing my misfortune, all my friends ran to my help.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence
29. I will follow your advice, for I think it reasonable.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence
30. Since you are ill, you need not go.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence

31. I sent an e-mail but he did not respond.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence
32. Children are jumping and running around in the park.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence
33. After the cyclone hit the village, there was very little left standing.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence
34. If you want to speak to me, then learn English.  
(a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence  
(c) Compound Sentence
35. The frog jumped and landed in the pond.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Complex Sentence  
(c) Compound Sentence

**Directions (Questions 36 – 40) : Identify the correct notion expressed by each of the following sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given:**

36. Which book are you reading?  
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
37. English is an International Language.  
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
38. All the students are present today.  
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
39. Shut the door at once.  
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
40. Give me that flower, will you?  
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive

**Directions (Questions 41 – 50): Choose the correct meaning of idioms and phrases given in bold letters from the four alternatives given below:**

41. When I entered my room everything was **at sixes and sevens**.  
(a) In perfect order (b) In a confused state  
(c) Filthy and untidy (d) Delightful to see
42. He is **on the wrong side of** sixty.  
(a) Below (b) Exactly  
(c) Nearly (d) Above

43. The robber **showed the white feather** at the sight of the police officer.  
(a) Behave in a cowardly manner (b) Fight back with courage  
(c) Stand motionless (d) Unconditionally surrendered
44. I am afraid my brother and sister are **at cross-purposes**.  
(a) Ready to fight (b) Reluctant to meet  
(c) Misunderstand each other (d) Refused to communicate
45. My cousin is leaving India **for good**.  
(a) For a short period of time (b) Left to make fortune  
(c) Following one's passion (d) Permanently
46. The doctor says the heart patient has **turned the corner**.  
(a) Passed the crises (b) Be in a critical condition  
(c) Became unconscious (d) Received all possible treatments
47. It is his usual nature **to blow his own trumpet**.  
(a) Talk loudly (b) Laugh heartily  
(c) Praising oneself (d) Cry bitterly
48. The English test was **a piece of cake**.  
(a) Very easy (b) Moderate  
(c) Difficult (d) Very difficult
49. Mark was **carried of his feet** when he was declared to have won the first prize.  
(a) Becoming emotional (b) Wild with excitement  
(c) Jump for joy (d) Restless
50. I feel quite **under the weather** today.  
(a) Unhappy (b) Angry  
(c) Lonely (d) Unwell

**Directions (Questions 51 – 56): Choose the alternative which best express the meaning of the idiom/ phrases:**

51. Sitting on the fence  
(a) unbalanced (b) coward  
(c) uncomfortable (d) between two opinions
52. Merry as a cricket  
(a) to enjoy a game of cricket (b) to dance and sing  
(c) to be extremely cheerful (d) to be good at sports
53. To leave no stone unturned  
(a) to try utmost (b) to keep clean and tidy  
(c) to work enthusiastically (d) to change the things
54. Kick the bucket.  
(a) to die (b) to fail  
(c) to be ashamed (d) to be happy
55. Man of parts.  
(a) talented (b) restless  
(c) strange person (d) a dull person

56. At the eleventh hour.
- (a) at the right moment (b) at the last moment  
(c) by small degree (d) to be in disorder

**Directions (Questions 57 – 62) : Select the most suitable alternative to fill in the blanks in the sentence to make it meaningful:**

57. The woman passenger was \_\_\_\_\_ injured in a car crash and died on the spot after a few minutes.
- (a) Seriously (b) Fatally  
(c) Badly (d) Terribly
58. The girl was \_\_\_\_\_ of cheating in the examination.
- (a) Accused (b) Condemned  
(c) Punished (d) Guilty
59. John \_\_\_\_\_ himself from his family by being indifferent towards family affairs.
- (a) Disconnected (b) Disunited  
(c) Detached (d) Dismember
60. Although she was not fluent in the language, her knowledge of English was \_\_\_\_\_ for the job.
- (a) Satisfactory (b) Enough  
(c) Suitable (d) Adequate
61. The students take so much pride in the \_\_\_\_\_ of a new school bus.
- (a) Acquisition (b) Attainment  
(c) Acquirement (d) Accomplishment
62. China and India are sharing \_\_\_\_\_ border.
- (a) Contentious (b) Contiguous  
(c) Continuous (d) Contagious

**Directions (63 – 67) : Read the following passages carefully and choose the best answer to each of the questions out of the four alternatives:**

One simple physical concept lies behind the formation of the stars : gravitational instability. The concept is not new. Newton first perceived it late in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Imagine a uniform, static cloud of gas in space. Imagine then that the gas is somehow disturbed so that one small spherical region becomes a little denser than the gas around it so that the small region's gravitational field becomes slightly stronger. It now attracts more matter to it and its gravity increases further, causing it to begin to contract. As it contracts its density increases, which increases its gravity even more, so that it picks up even more matter and contracts even further. The process continues until the small region of gas finally forms a gravitationally bound object.

63. The primary purpose of the passage is to
- (a) describe a state condition  
(b) support a theory considered outmoded  
(c) depict the successive stages of a phenomenon  
(d) demonstrate the evolution of the meaning of a term
64. It can be inferred from this passage that the author views the information contained within it as
- (a) lacking in elaboration (b) original but obscure  
(c) speculative and unprofitable (d) uncomplicated and traditional

65. With which of the following words can you replace the word uniform as given in this passage?
- (a) Uniting (b) Varying  
(c) Gaseous (d) Unvarying
66. What does the underlined word 'it' stand for in the passage?
- (a) Gravitational instability (b) Cloud of gas  
(c) Small spherical denser region (d) Matter
67. The author provides information that answers which of the following question?
- I. What causes the disturbances that changes the cloud from its original static condition?  
II. How does this small region's increasing density affect its gravitational field?  
III. What is the end result of the gradually increasing concentration of the small region of gas?
- (a) I only (b) II only  
(c) II & III only (d) I, II & III

**Directions (68 – 74) : Read the following passages carefully and choose the best answer to each of the questions out of the four alternatives:**

Many people believe that science and religion are contrary to each other. But this notion is wrong. As a matter of fact, both are complementary to each other. The aim of both these institutions is to explain different aspects of life, universe and human existence. There is no doubt that the methods of science and religion are different. The method of science is observation, experimentation and experience. Science takes its recourse to progressive march towards perfection, the rules of religion are faith, intuition, and spoken word of the **enlightened**, in general, while science is inclined towards reason and rationality, spiritualism is the essence of religion.

In earlier times when man appeared on earth, he was over-awed at the sight of violent and powerful aspects of nature. In certain cases, the usefulness of different natural objects of nature overwhelmed man. Thus began the worship of forces of nature – fire, the sun, the rivers, the rocks, the trees, the snakes etc. The holy scriptures were written by those who had developed harmony between external nature and their inner self. Their object was to ennoble, elevate and liberate the human spirit and mind. But the priestly class took upon itself the monopoly of scriptural knowledge and interpretation to its own advantage. Thus the entire human race was in chains. Truth was **flouted** and progressive, liberal and truthful ideas or ideas expressing doubt and skepticism were suppressed and their holders punished. It was in these trying circumstances the **science emerged as a saviour of mankind**. But its path was not smooth and safe. The scientists and free thinkers were tortured. This was the fate of Copernicus, Galileo, Bruno and others. But, by and by science gained ground.

68. Why does, according to the passage, man worship the force of nature?
- (a) The holy scriptures advocate the worship of the forces of nature  
(b) The worship elevates and liberates the human spirit and mind  
(c) The worship makes man believe in faith and intuition  
(d) Forces of nature reached man's spiritualism
69. According to the passage science and religion both :
- (a) Rely on the spoken word of the enlightened  
(b) Emerged out of the fear of man  
(c) Emerged from the desire of man to worship the forces of nature  
(d) Employ different methods of enquiry

70. Why is it said in the passage that, ‘science emerged as a savior of mankind’?  
(a) Many great thinkers contributed to the progress of science  
(b) Science takes recourse to progressive march towards perfection  
(c) Science is inclined towards reason and rationality  
(d) Man was bound in chains by religious orthodoxy
71. Which of the following statements is not true in the context of the passage?  
(a) The free thinkers and enlightened  
(b) Methods of science and religion are different  
(c) Regimental religion got degenerated into orthodoxy  
(d) Galileo and Bruno were disciples of Copernicus
72. Choose the word which is most nearly the same in meaning as the word ‘flouted’ as used in the passage :  
(a) Mocked (b) Nourished  
(c) Expressed (d) Deflated
73. According to the passage science and religion :  
(a) are contrary to each other (b) have the same origin  
(c) are supportive of each other (d) have the same aim of controlling universe
74. Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning of the word “enlightened” as used in the passage:  
(a) Uninformed (b) Derogatory  
(c) Downtrodden (d) Educated

**Directions (Question 75 – 80) : Choose the word nearest in the meaning to the italicized words:**

75. The United Nations will try to mitigate the crisis between the two countries.  
(a) Investigate (b) Alleviate  
(c) Amplify (d) Reveal
76. Having lost her own husband a year before, Mrs. Smith felt deep empathy for the grieving widow.  
(a) Apathy (b) Rapport  
(c) Sympathy (d) Condolence
77. If your daily routine has become too monotonous you need to reorganize your schedule.  
(a) Exhausting (b) Irksome  
(c) Stimulating (d) Repetitive
78. Most detectives are scrupulous individuals.  
(a) Cautious (b) Hardworking  
(c) Intelligent (d) Perceptive
79. My uncle’s health condition is deteriorating day by day.  
(a) In a confusing state (b) Becoming stable  
(c) Getting worse (d) Improving
80. He makes an impromptu speech on the occasion of my brother’s wedding.  
(a) Unprepared (b) Long and boring  
(c) Improper (d) Thoughtless