

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT SUB INSPECTOR (MINISTERIAL) UNDER HOME DEPARTMENT, OCTOBER, 2018.

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 35

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 given topics in not more than 300 words.
 - The importance of Education
 - Social Media: Its impact and individual responsibilities
 - The ideal citizen

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.

Directions (Questions 1 – 16) : Choose the correct meaning of the idioms provided below:

1. flesh and blood
 - (a) human nature
 - (b) now and then
 - (c) of the same opinion
 - (d) on intimate terms
2. turned a deaf ear
 - (a) says one thing and does another
 - (b) disregarded
 - (c) by any means
 - (d) in dispute
3. a piece of cake
 - (a) something which is very easy
 - (b) something which is very difficult
 - (c) to dislike something
 - (d) to end successfully
4. in black and white
 - (a) stripes
 - (b) confused
 - (c) written proof
 - (d) to be very angry
5. green with envy
 - (a) favour
 - (b) to be very pleased
 - (c) to be jealous
 - (d) with distinction
6. in a fog
 - (a) dazed
 - (b) to be busy
 - (c) to stay calm
 - (d) very scared

7. dressed
(a) wearing one's finest clothes (b) dress poorly
(c) to be annoying (d) to be in charge
8. at sea
(a) perplexed (b) cheerful
(c) remained firm (d) gloomy
9. ended in smoke
(a) came to nothing (b) become useful
(c) to suspect something (d) puzzled
10. like a fish out of water
(a) utmost speed (b) without steady application
(c) on the verge on ruin (d) uncomfortable
11. beck and call
(a) deep attachment (b) under someone's control
(c) make peace (d) concerned
12. keep hand above water
(a) to be out of debt (b) to do something remarkable
(c) deeply attentive (d) to be involved
13. a far cry
(a) very near (b) produced no effect
(c) a long journey (d) in suspense
14. hold your horses
(a) make an important decision (b) to feel sad
(c) to be different (d) to calm down
15. butterflies in the stomach
(a) to be very nervous (b) to be busy
(c) to be unwell (d) feeling at ease
16. bee in one's bonnet
(a) something that is annoying (b) to be in charge
(c) to be very comfortable (d) something that is compulsory

Directions (Questions 17 – 28) : Read the passage and choose the correct answer from the given alternative:

An extraordinary displays of courage and stamina, a Florida man swam 25 miles over 38 hours to reach land while towing two people and helping two more, after their light plane crashed off the Bahamas. Mr. Dan Tuckfield, 35, recovering in hospital in Miami wept yesterday as he described how, despite his efforts, two died after more than 12 hours in the water. All five aboard survived when their twin-engined, Piper Seneca ditched into the ocean off Bimini. Before it sank, Mr. Tuckfield managed to retrieve his wetsuit, flippers and a facemask. The pilot, Brad Youngberg, 48, and passenger Delabo Hicks 58, survived, while Mr. Bloom, 54, and his wife Dorothy died. Mrs. Bloom was unable to swim, so Mr. Tuckfield carried her on his back while Mr. Bloom wearing a life jacket was attached to his wetsuit with a strap. Mr. Tuckfield even tried to save their dog, a spaniel, by tucking it under his arm. The party stayed near the wreckage for about four hours, but after several planes had flown overhead without responding to their emergency lights,

they decided to swim towards Bimini, where they could see lights. “But the current was too strong and dragged us south, so we changed course for Cat Cay (on the Florida Coast)”, said Mr. Tuckfield. Shouting encouragement to his two fellow survivors, Mr. Tuckfield swam all night. Speaking through parched lips he said, “The Bloom had both swallowed a lot of salt water and Ira became irrational and took off his vest. He let himself go under even though I dragged him back up and tried to resuscitate him. I could see huge tiger sharks closer and closer and let Ira’s body go. The Blooms were friends and he had gone to the Bahamas from his home in Fort Lauderdale to help them repair their boat. After Mr. Bloom died, he struggled on with a weakening Mrs. Bloom on his back. But by noon she became delirious, then she turned white and pale and she never came to. After that the dog started to panic and weeping again, Mr. Tuckfield said he had to drown it. For a while he tried to continue with Mrs. Bloom’s body still on his back. But he felt himself tiring and set it free. He called to his two remaining companions to say that he planned to get ashore as quickly as he could and they should continue swimming until he could alert rescuers. At 7.39 A.M. on Thursday morning, he staggered ashore on Cat Cay and saw a man walking on the coast road. He waved his flippers to attract attention and gave him directions as best as he could to find the other two men. Then he collapsed. Within two hours helicopters had found the other survivors.

17. Why was the Florida man compelled to swim twenty five miles?
 - (a) because he had to retrieve his equipments
 - (b) because his aeroplane crashed into the ocean
 - (c) because the current was too strong
 - (d) because Mrs. Bloom was unable to swim
18. How many passengers were on board?
 - (a) 5
 - (b) 6
 - (c) 4
 - (d) 7
19. How many passengers survived and how many died?
 - (a) two survived and two died
 - (b) two survived and one died
 - (c) no one died
 - (d) four survived
20. What did Mr. Tuckfield retrieve from the plane?
 - (a) piper seneca
 - (b) wetsuit, flippers and face mask
 - (c) their dog, a spaniel
 - (d) Mr and Mrs Bloom
21. Why did Mr. Tuckfield carry Mrs. Bloom on his back?
 - (a) because she was unable to swim
 - (b) because the current was too strong
 - (c) because she hurt her leg
 - (d) because she was too old to swim
22. The Blooms were friends of
 - (a) Ira
 - (b) Brad Youngberg
 - (c) Delabo Hicks
 - (d) Mr. Tuckfield
23. Mr. Tuckfield had gone to the Bahamas
 - (a) to enjoy his vacation
 - (b) to help repair his friends boat
 - (c) to buy aeroplane
 - (d) to learn swimming
24. ‘He let himself go under’ means
 - (a) he was trying to swim by himself
 - (b) he allowed himself to drown
 - (c) he tried to change course
 - (d) he shouted words of encouragement
25. Which words in the passage indicate that they were thirsty
 - (a) stamina
 - (b) towing
 - (c) salt water
 - (d) parched lips

26. Mr. Tuckfield swimming 25 miles shows that he has
(a) presence of mind (b) stamina
(c) attachment (d) sense of humour
27. The synonym for the word 'delicious' is
(a) awkward (b) energetic
(c) frenzy (d) weak
28. In order to attract attention, he
(a) waved his flippers (b) waved at his flippers
(c) shouted (d) build a fire

Directions (Questions 29 – 48) : Choose the correct parts of speech for the underlined words.

29. The class is studying grammar
(a) verb (b) abstract noun
(c) collective noun (d) preposition
30. I have called several times
(a) noun (b) verb
(c) adjective (d) adverb
31. Put away your books
(a) adverb (b) verb
(c) noun (d) preposition
32. He was ill pleased
(a) noun (b) adjectives
(c) adverb (d) interjection
33. Don't loiter about the street
(a) adjective (b) preposition
(c) noun (d) pronoun
34. The man turned round
(a) adverb (b) preposition
(c) adjective (d) noun
35. We sailed down the river
(a) noun (b) conjunction
(c) adverb (d) preposition
36. I do not care whether you go or stay
(a) interjection (b) conjunction
(c) preposition (d) adjective
37. Hush! Don't make a noise
(a) interjection (b) preposition
(c) verb (d) adverb
38. He claimed his half share of the booty
(a) noun (b) adjective
(c) pronoun (d) adverb

39. These are the boys who work hard
(a) noun (b) pronoun
(c) verb (d) adverb
40. The pen that you gave me is very good one
(a) verb (b) adjective
(c) pronoun (d) noun
41. I know a funny little man
(a) pronoun (b) verb
(c) adverb (d) adjective
42. I wonder you never told me
(a) adjective (b) adverb
(c) noun (d) preposition
43. This is the very book I want
(a) adjective (b) verb
(c) noun (d) adverb
44. How long have you lived here?
(a) noun (b) pronoun
(c) adverb (d) verb
45. An umbrella will protect you from the rain
(a) pronoun (b) adverb
(c) preposition (d) conjunction
46. I hear that your brother is in London
(a) preposition (b) conjunction
(c) pronoun (d) verb
47. wisdom is better than strength
(a) verb (b) pronoun
(c) adverb (d) noun
48. He gave a bunch of grapes
(a) noun (b) pronoun
(c) adjective (d) adverb

Directions (Questions 49 – 53) : Pick the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentences.

49. He behaves as one might expect him to do
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause
50. I do it because I choose to
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause
51. Here is the book that you want
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause

52. I earn whatever I can
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause
53. There was nobody but wept
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause

Directions (Questions 54 – 58) : Identify the types of sentences:

54. In spite of his popularity he cannot be called a great writer
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence
55. He not only educated his nephew but also set him up in business
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence
56. There is drought and so the crop is short
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence
57. Your father is the man who can help you in this matter
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence
58. He succeeded unexpectedly
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence

Directions (Questions 59 – 64) : Choose the correct synthesis of sentence from the given alternatives.

59. He hurt his foot. He stopped
(a) He hurt his foot and he stopped (b) He stopped since he hurt his foot
(c) Having hurt his foot he stopped
60. His wife encouraged him. He persevered
(a) Encouraged by his wife, he persevered (b) He persevered because of his wife
(c) His wife encouraged him
61. The stable door was open. The horse was stolen
(a) the stable door being open, the horse was stolen
(b) the horse was stolen because the stable door was open
(c) the stable door was open and the horse was stolen
62. There goes my brother. He is called Sanga
(a) There goes my brother. His name is Sanga (b) There goes my brother Sanga
(c) My brother is sanga

63. The judge gave his decision. The court listened silently
(a) The court listened silently to the decision given by the judge
(b) The judge gave hi decision in silence
(c) The judge gave his decision and the court listened in silence
64. He had no money. He could not give any away
(a) He had no money to give away
(b) He cannot give hi money away
(c) He could not give away his money

Directions (Questions 65 – 80) : Choose the correct answer

65. You are free _____?
(a) are you
(b) aren't you
(c) were you
66. She can't swim _____?
(a) can she
(b) can't she
(c) could she
67. Hruaia has already come
(a) so he has
(b) yes he is
(c) no he has not
68. The apples aren't good
(a) yes they are
(b) yes they were
(c) no they aren't
69. Weather _____ life a great deal
(a) affects
(b) effects
(c) alter
(d) access
70. Never speak _____ language
(a) fool
(b) fowl
(c) foul
(d) flour
71. The fort was _____ to the ground
(a) rays
(b) razed
(c) raised
(d) route
72. The moon is on the _____ these days
(a) vain
(b) vane
(c) vine
(d) wane
73. A _____ of rooms
(a) suit
(b) suite
(c) sheaf
(d) board
74. A _____ of rays
(a) pencil
(b) heap
(c) pair
(d) pile

75. A _____ of fish
(a) hive (b) cluster
(c) shoal (d) litter
76. A _____ of travellers
(a) clump (b) band
(c) choir (d) caravan
77. One who plays a game for pleasure and not as a profession
(a) amnesty (b) amateur
(c) biped (d) colleague
78. That which can be rubbed off
(a) delible (b) creadible
(c) laxative (d) parasite
79. A person who thieves the writings of others
(a) pesimist (b) plagiarist
(c) sinecure (d) spokesman
80. A song to put babies to sleep
(a) yolk (b) brooklet
(c) lullaby (d) verse

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