

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF**  
**ASSISTANT TOURIST OFFICER**  
**UNDER TOURISM DEPARTMENT, DECEMBER, 2017**

**GENERAL ENGLISH**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

*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 (not more than 300 words) **(20)**
- Problems and Pleasures of City Life.
  - Economical importance of Tourism in India.
  - My Idea of Success.

**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.*

***Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 1 - 12 that follows :***

We go this way but once, Oh! Heart of mine,  
So why not make the journey well worthwhile  
Giving to those who travel with us  
A helping hand, a word of cheer, a smile?  
We go this way but once, Ah! Never more.  
Can we go along the self same way?  
To get more out of life, undo the wrongs  
Or speak love's words we knew we did not say  
We go this way but once. Then let us make  
The road we travel blossomy and sweet  
With helpful, kindly deeds and tender words  
Smoothing the path and bruised and stumbling feet.

**Directions : (Question 1 - 6) Pick out the correct answer:**

1. The writer is speaking about the journey of:  
(a) heart (b) life  
(c) cheer
2. The journey can be made worthwhile by:  
(a) giving health (b) giving happiness  
(c) giving help
3. The people who travel with us are:  
(a) our fellow mankind (b) happy lovers  
(c) sympathetic people
4. Man desire to go back along the self same way..... :  
(a) to repeat the same life (b) to undo the wrongs  
(c) to smile once again
5. The journey can be made blossomy and sweet by:  
(a) being helpful (b) being happy  
(c) being hardworking
6. What words suggest that the journey is not an easy one?  
(a) kindly deeds and tender words (b) getting more out of life  
(c) bruised and stumbling feet

**Directions : (Question 7 - 12) Find word in the passage which means the same as:**

7. A happy feeling or attitude:  
(a) cheer (b) love's words  
(c) sweet
8. To walk unsteadily or clumsily:  
(a) hopping (b) limping  
(c) stumbling
9. Good enough :  
(a) kind deeds (b) worthwhile  
(c) relaxing
10. A peak period or stage of development:  
(a) blossomy (b) smoothing  
(c) helping
11. Very loving and gentle:  
(a) helping hand (b) tender  
(c) sweet
12. To change or stop:  
(a) go astray (b) path  
(c) undo

**Directions : (Question 13 - 17) : Choose the correct form of the verb to fill in the blanks**

13. Two and two \_\_\_\_ four  
(a) is (b) are  
(c) were (d) was
14. I \_\_\_\_ some rare books at home.  
(a) am having (b) have  
(c) was having (d) had
15. He promised \_\_\_\_ me a post in his department  
(a) to have given (b) having given  
(c) have given (d) to give
16. Every man and woman \_\_\_\_ to live in peace  
(a) are wanting (b) wanted  
(c) wants (d) want
17. I wish I \_\_\_\_ a preacher.  
(a) were (b) am  
(c) was (d) have been

**Directions : (Question 18 - 22) : Insert appropriate prepositions from the given alternatives :**

18. There was a lost of commotion \_\_\_\_ the speaker left the hall.  
(a) when (b) after  
(c) while (d) by
19. It has been raining \_\_\_\_ yesterday.  
(a) from (b) till  
(c) after (d) since
20. I prefer tea \_\_\_\_ coffee  
(a) to (b) than  
(c) instead of (d) besides
21. \_\_\_\_ the team members, I would like to thank the club.  
(a) because of (b) in favour of  
(c) on behalf of (d) in front of
22. They walked \_\_\_\_ the lake for quite some time.  
(a) down (b) along  
(c) through (d) across

**Directions : (Question 23 - 32) : Name the underlined parts of speech .**

23. This is the man whom you are speaking.  
(a) Noun (b) Verb  
(c) Pronoun (d) Adjective
24. This book is unique.  
(a) Adverb (b) Adjective  
(c) Verb (d) Noun
25. Love makes the world go round  
(a) Verb (b) Conjunction  
(c) Preposition (d) Noun
26. She walked towards him hurriedly.  
(a) Noun (b) Preposition  
(c) Pronoun (d) Verb
27. We meet our friends in the park  
(a) Verb (b) Adverb  
(c) Adjective (d) Conjunction
28. He had hardly a friend.  
(a) Noun (b) Adverb  
(c) Verb (d) Pronoun
29. Let us catch a taxi lest we should be late.  
(a) Conjunction (b) Preposition  
(c) Pronoun (d) Adverb
30. She is as accurate as any other typist.  
(a) Pronoun (b) Conjunction  
(c) Adjective (d) Noun
31. The woodcutter felled the tree  
(a) Preposition (b) Verb  
(c) Noun (d) Adjective
32. The dog is man's best friend. It is known for its loyalty.  
(a) Adjective (b) Conjunction  
(c) Adverb (d) Pronoun

**Directions : (Question 33 - 38) : Choose the correct alternatives given below :**

33. He is happy that his son has done well in life.  
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complete Sentence
34. The peacock is admired for its beauty.  
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence

35. If he doesn't improve his ways he will have no friend.  
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence
36. He worked hard so that he might win.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence
37. Search her bag and you will find the purse.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence
38. The unhappy man sat looking into space.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence

**Directions : (Question 39 - 43) : Identify the sentences by picking out the correct answer :**

39. Why waste time in sleeping.  
(a) Affirmative (b) Assertive  
(c) Interrogative (d) Negative
40. She is taller than me.  
(a) Affirmative (b) Assertive  
(c) Interrogative (d) Negative
41. He was kind enough to help you.  
(a) Affirmative (b) Assertive  
(c) Interrogative (d) Negative
42. John is too clever to be cheated.  
(a) Affirmative (b) Assertive  
(c) Interrogative (d) Negative
43. It never rains but pours.  
(a) Affirmative (b) Assertive  
(c) Interrogative (d) Negative

**Directions : (Question 44 - 48) : Pick out the correct clause of the underlined words :**

44. Where she went is not known to me  
(a) Adjective clause (b) Adverb Clause  
(c) Noun Clause
45. Show me the house where you were born  
(a) Adjective clause (b) Adverb Clause  
(c) Noun Clause
46. Wait here till I come back  
(a) Adjective clause (b) Adverb Clause  
(c) Noun Clause

47. A person who works hard must succeed  
(a) Adjective clause (b) Adverb Clause  
(c) Noun Clause
48. I am happy to know that you have passed.  
(a) Adjective clause (b) Adverb Clause  
(c) Noun Clause

**Directions : (Question 49 - 55) : Give one word substitution from the alternatives given :**

49. She belief that God pervades nature.  
(a) Panacea (b) Pantheism  
(c) Naturalism (d) Anthropology
50. The study of human behaviour.  
(a) Etymology (b) Entomology  
(c) Ethnology (d) Ethology
51. Government by the rich.  
(a) Plutocracy (b) Neocracy  
(c) Genetocracy (d) Theocracy
52. One who supervises in the examination hall.  
(a) Scrutinizer (b) examiner  
(c) Invigilator (d) tabulator
53. A place for housing aeroplanes.  
(a) Hutch (b) Hangar  
(c) Drey (d) Cache
54. Fear of doctors.  
(a) Cacophobia (b) Cynophobia  
(c) Cellophobia (d) Catrophobia
55. A person who talks in sleep.  
(a) somniloquist (b) soothsayer  
(c) soliloquist (d) somnambulist

**Directions : (Question 56 - 60) : Choose the word nearest in meaning to the underlined word :**

56. Our Chief Minister is young and dynamic  
(a) belligerent (b) explosive  
(c) energetic (d) intelligent
57. He gave me an insolent answer.  
(a) respectful (b) gentle  
(c) forceful (d) rude

58. The judge was praised for his wisdom.  
(a) sagacity (b) sanity  
(c) scarcity (d) secrecy
59. Tom asked Jerry not to meddle in his affairs.  
(a) intercede (b) impose  
(c) cross (d) interfere
60. My uncle was involved in a lucrative business.  
(a) profitable (b) dangerous  
(c) challenging (d) questionable

**Directions : (Question 61 - 65) : Pick out the phrase similar to the underlined sentence :**

61. Fela went to sea at an early age  
(a) went on a voyage (b) became a sailor  
(c) went to see the sea (d) went on a cruise
62. There is little hope of his recovery.  
(a) almost no hope (b) some hope  
(c) no hope (d) much hope
63. Apuii wears a blue blouse and puan.  
(a) only blouse is blue (b) only puan is blue  
(c) both are almost blue (d) both are blue
64. Mawia dealt the cards.  
(a) traded in cards (b) throw away the cards  
(c) distributed the cards (d) used to playing cards
65. My aunt will return in a week.  
(a) at the end of a week (b) before the end of a week  
(c) in the middle of a week (d) at the first day of a week

**Directions : (Question 66 - 70) : Fill in the blanks with the correct cries of these animals :**

66. Hyenas \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) bleat (b) laugh  
(c) grunt (d) cry
67. Owls \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) hoot (b) low  
(c) scream (d) chatter
68. Elephants \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) croak (b) cackle  
(c) neigh (d) trumpet

69. Foxes \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) twitter
- (b) cluck
- (c) yell
- (d) caw

70. Peacocks \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) strut
- (b) chirp
- (c) crow
- (d) grunt

**Directions : (Questions 71 - 80) : Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idioms and phrases :**

71. Please give me everything in black and white.

- (a) with all colours
- (b) without fail
- (c) in writing
- (d) in completion

72. He killed his wife in cold blood.

- (a) deliberately
- (b) slowly
- (c) in anger
- (d) without intention

73. Money was the bone of contention.

- (a) Cause of brotherhood
- (b) Cause of love
- (c) Cause of strength
- (d) Cause of dispute

74 The car has gone out of gear.

- (a) not working
- (b) lost control
- (c) brake failed
- (d) steering failed

75. The manager could not speak as there was hue and cry in the room.

- (a) complete silence
- (b) emotion and tears
- (c) a great noise
- (d) whisper and tears

76. It was wonderful when my uncle turned up out of the blue.

- (a) recover from illness
- (b) unexpectedly
- (c) as expected
- (d) out from prison

77. They decided to call it a day when they felt tired.

- (a) to stop doing something
- (b) to fix another date
- (c) to continue the next day
- (d) to relax for sometime

78. Arun left his room at sixes and sevens.

- (a) very early
- (b) on a secret purpose
- (c) in a state of disorder
- (d) in the evening

79. Many politics of the government are discussed behind the curtain.

- (a) away from public gaze
- (b) inside the minister's chamber
- (c) away from party workers
- (d) Inside the meeting room

80. He is under debt to the finger - nails

- (a) partially
- (b) completely
- (c) no more
- (d) always