

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF UPPER DIVISION CLERK (U.D.C.) UNDER LAND REVENUE & SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, JUNE -2019

PAPER - I

Time Allowed :3 hours

Full Marks :125

Attempt all questions.

SECTION - A (50 Marks)

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

1. English is a link language and opens a gateway to knowledge. Write an essay in about 500 words on the importance of English in education. (25)
2. Write a précis on the following passage. (25)

The importance of education in forming character and opinion is very great and well recognized by all. The genuine beliefs, though not usually unconsciously acquired by most children; and even if they depart from these beliefs in later life, something of them remains deeply implanted, ready to emerge in a time of stress of crisis.

Education is, as a rule, the strongest force on the side of what exists and again fundamental change: threatened institutions while they are still powerful, process themselves of the education machine, and instil a respect for their own excellence into the malleable minds of the young. Reformers retort by trying to dust their opponents from position of vantage.

The children themselves are not considered by either party; they are merely so much material, to be recruited into one army or the other. If the children themselves, were considered, education would not aim at making them belong to this party or that, but at enabling them to choose intelligently between the parties; it would aim at making them able to think, not at making them think what their teachers think.

Education as a political weapon, could not exist if we respected the rights of children. If we respected the rights of children, we should educate them so as to give them the knowledge and the mental habits required for forming independent opinions; but education as a political institution endeavors to form habits and to circumscribe knowledge in such a way as to make one set of opinions inevitable.

SECTION - B

(75 Marks)

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

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

Direction (Questions 1 - 9) : Use the appropriate modal to fill in the blanks.

1. We thought it _____ rain.
(a) can (b) may
(c) could (d) might
2. He tried to solve the problem but he _____ not.
(a) will (b) could
(c) should (d) may
3. _____ you read when you were five?
(a) Can (b) Will
(c) Could (d) Would
4. You _____ write on both sides of the paper.
(a) can (b) may
(c) could (d) might
5. When _____ I see you again?
(a) shall (b) should
(c) will (d) would
6. He said he _____ always come when called.
(a) can (b) may
(c) could (d) might
7. _____ that I were rich!
(a) Would (b) Could
(c) Should (d) Might
8. I ran fast so that I _____ catch the train.
(a) may (b) can
(c) might (d) could
9. If you _____ see him, give him my regards.
(a) will (b) shall
(c) would (d) should

Direction (Questions 10 - 19) : Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions.

10. He read a number of books and magazines _____ he was ill.
(a) for (b) while
(c) during (d) besides

11. He spoke _____ the subject for two hours regularly.
(a) in (b) of
(c) on (d) with
12. We get rains _____ July every year.
(a) for (b) on
(c) to (d) in
13. He is not popular _____ the students.
(a) by (b) with
(c) among (d) at
14. She has great love _____ her children.
(a) for (b) by
(c) of (d) with
15. They have quarreled _____ a piece of land.
(a) among (b) for
(c) on (d) over
16. I was invited _____ tea by his mother.
(a) for (b) at
(c) to (d) over
17. These boys go to college _____ college bus.
(a) by (b) in
(c) with (d) on
18. The four brothers always quarrel _____ themselves.
(a) over (b) among
(c) between (d) for
19. In the month of December the temperature falls _____ 4C.
(a) below (b) at
(c) from (d) into

Direction (Questions 20 - 29) : Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words.

20. They arrived soon after.
(a) Adverb (b) Adjective
(c) Preposition (d) Conjunction
21. All spoke in his favour.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Adverb (d) Adjective
22. He came before the appointed time.
(a) Adverb (b) Conjunction
(c) Preposition (d) Adjective
23. It was all profit and no loss.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb

24. He has seen the ups and downs of life.
(a) Adjective (b) Verb
(c) Preposition (d) Noun
25. Let us go up the hill.
(a) Adjective (b) Preposition
(c) Noun (d) Adverb
26. Do not start till I give the word.
(a) Preposition (b) Noun
(c) Adjective (d) Conjunction
27. Why did you do it?
(a) Adverb (b) Conjunction
(c) Interjection (d) Adjective
28. God defends the right!
(a) Pronoun (b) Adverb
(c) Noun (d) Adjective
29. Well, who would have thought it?
(a) Interjection (b) Adjective
(c) Adverb (d) Noun

Direction (Questions 30 - 39) : Choose the correct question tag to fill in the blanks.

30. Do as I say, _____?
(a) didn't you (b) needn't you
(c) won't you (d) shan't you
31. You fell on your back, _____?
(a) didn't you (b) have you
(c) weren't you (d) did you
32. Few people know that you are an artist, _____?
(a) aren't they (b) do they
(c) haven't they (d) don't they
33. Tomorrow we will attend our college, _____?
(a) shall we (b) won't we
(c) will we (d) shouldn't we
34. These people protect trees and animals, _____?
(a) have they (b) do they
(c) weren't they (d) don't they?
35. Everyone wanted a ticket, _____?
(a) didn't they (b) haven't they
(c) don't they (d) do they?
36. Let's take a little rest before we start again, _____?
(a) will we (b) shall we
(c) should we (d) needn't we

37. She dances very well, _____?
(a) does she (b) aren't she
(c) doesn't she (d) isn't she
38. Both Sam and Sean are engineers, _____?
(a) haven't they (b) weren't they
(c) are they (d) aren't they
39. Now you can make question tags, _____?
(a) can you (b) can't you
(c) won't you (d) will you

Direction (Questions 40 - 49) : Fill in the blanks with the correct word/phrases.

40. Technology _____ the forces of change.
(a) must be used to feed (b) must have been using to feed
(c) must use having fed (d) must be using to feed
41. Because light travels faster than sound, lightning appears to _____ thunder.
(a) prolong (b) repel
(c) traverse (d) precede
42. The crops are dying, it _____ rained.
(a) must had not (b) must not be
(c) must not have (d) must not have been
43. It is always better to make people realize the importance of discipline than to _____.
(a) impose it with them (b) impose them with it
(c) imposing them on it (d) impose it on them
44. When students do not have time to read a novel before class, they read _____.
(a) an article (b) a synopsis
(c) a critique (d) an essay
45. For all our powers of reason and understanding we know _____.
(a) a little of life's secrets (b) little about life's secrets
(c) nothing about life's secrets (d) a little about life's secrets
46. The whole country is disappointed _____ the defeat of the cricket team.
(a) over (b) about
(c) on (d) by
47. The tourists insured their luggage because they assumed it _____ stolen.
(a) might be (b) was going to be
(c) will be (d) must be
48. During his long discourse, he did not _____ that point.
(a) touch (b) touch of
(c) touch upon (d) touch on
49. As he lacks honesty _____ in the good books of his employer.
(a) has not and cannot be (b) has not and can never been
(c) has not been and can never be (d) has not and can never be

Direction (Questions 50 - 59) : Choose the option which is closest in meaning as the given word.

50. penitent

- (a) eccentric (b) remorseful
(c) profound (d) observant

51. satiate

- (a) direct (b) manage
(c) gratify (d) defeat

52. muse

- (a) ponder (b) appease
(c) infect (d) taint

53. profane

- (a) assert (b) lengthen
(c) benefit (d) desecrate

54. officious

- (a) pushing (b) stubborn
(c) modest (d) mystic

55. veracity

- (a) mendacity (b) imperfection
(c) truth (d) judgment

56. ingest

- (a) enrage (b) to absorb
(c) invigorate (d) burn up completely

57. compendious

- (a) comprehensive (b) unbearable
(c) illustrative (d) elaborate

58. nadir

- (a) asylum (b) depth
(c) heaven (d) nebulous

59. somber

- (a) causing sleep (b) malicious
(c) gloomy (d) complacent

Direction (Questions 60 - 67) : Fill in the blanks with the correct verbal phrase.

60. Trees _____ new leaves during spring season.

- (a) bring up (b) bring in
(c) bring about (d) bring forth

61. _____ in the doctor at once.

- (a) Call at (b) Call on
(c) Call in (d) Call off

62. _____ the wishes of your parents.
(a) Carry away (b) Carry on
(c) Carry off (d) Carry out
63. How has all this _____?
(a) come about (b) come by
(c) come across (d) come of
64. I will have to _____ this less.
(a) make up (b) make good
(c) make face (d) make off
65. The revolt was _____ with an iron hand.
(a) put by (b) put off
(c) put down (d) put up
66. He has _____ heavy debt.
(a) run into (b) run over
(c) run down (d) run short of
67. Please _____ what I speak.
(a) take in (b) take to
(c) take for (d) take down

Direction (Questions 68 - 75) : Choose the right alternative from the given options.

68. Familiarity _____ contempt.
(a) makes (b) generates
(c) breeds (d) produces
69. A leopard can't change its _____.
(a) tail (b) spots
(c) stripes (d) nature
70. One man's _____ is another's poison.
(a) food (b) meat
(c) medicine (d) drink
71. Think before you _____.
(a) leap (b) run
(c) jump (d) act
72. A bad worker always blames his _____.
(a) fate (b) equipment
(c) tools (d) misfortune
73. A burnt child _____ fire.
(a) fears (b) dreads
(c) hates (d) stops

74. Like a fish out of _____.

(a) aquarium

(c) sea

(b) ocean

(d) water

75. Paddle your own _____.

(a) canoe

(c) boat

(b) yacht

(d) rift

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