

# MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF UPPER DIVISION CLERK (U.D.C.) UNDER RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, FEBRUARY, 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. Write an essay on “*The Press : Its Power and Responsibility*” in about 500 words. (25)
2. Write a précis on the following passage. (25)

These are two considerations which deserve at least a word in any discussion of the future of the Indian theatre. The first is the rapid development of the cinema as a competitive for prophesied favor. At first, in the early flush of cinematic triumph people—some of whom might have been expected to, know better—prophesies the extinction of the theatre. It is now clear that though here and there, temporarily, the theatre may be affected, the cinema cannot hope to replace the stage and elbow it out of existence. Experience in the West has shown that the stage will always be required as a federal studio. For the technique is different and great stage actors have, always, to their disgust, discovered that film acting is at least only second best to them; it cannot mean to them what the stage means. Something is lacking in the human touch. In the theatre, heart responds to heart and mind acts on mind in a way unknown to the cinema. Thus there is no danger of extinction to the theatre. On the other hand, the rivalry of the screen ought to and will put theatre to a new test and give it a new stimulus that may well lead to still higher planes of artistic achievement. Finally, a word about a national language spoken, written and thought might do for the theatre in India.

With the new awakening in social life the need of a common tongue is being increasingly felt. Much work is being done to bring out a common linguistic medium. The day when, it is accepted will be a great day for the Indian theatre, as it will be for all art in the country. But the theatre, because its life blood is spoken word, will gain most. With a common tongue, with a live national consciousness, the theatre will become to its own as definite instrument of national unity reflecting the national mind, interpreting the national heart and dreaming national dreams for the future.

**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.*

**Directions (Questions 1 - 8) : Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words.**

1. He is on the bus.  
(a) verb (b) preposition  
(c) conjunction (d) adjective
2. There are more than twenty files.  
(a) noun (b) verb  
(c) adjective (d) preposition
3. I love to read storybooks.  
(a) noun (b) verb  
(c) pronoun (d) adverb
4. It will soon be lunchtime.  
(a) noun (b) verb  
(c) pronoun (d) adverb
5. Both of them are responsible.  
(a) conjunction (b) adjective  
(c) pronoun (d) noun
6. Raju and Ram are good boys.  
(a) conjunction (b) adjective  
(c) pronoun (d) noun
7. I met a homeless person today.  
(a) conjunction (b) adjective  
(c) pronoun (d) noun
8. Fish and chips go hand in hand.  
(a) conjunction (b) adjective  
(c) pronoun (d) noun

**Directions (Questions 9 - 16) : Choose the correct alternative which is closest in meaning to the given phrase/sentence.**

9. A murder of race.  
(a) Fratricide (b) Suicide  
(c) Homicide (d) Genocide
10. A writing whose writer is not known.  
(a) Anonymous (b) Posthumous  
(c) Autobiography (d) None of these

11. A person who studies the evolution of mankind.  
(a) Philanthropist (b) Mycologist  
(c) Anthropologist (d) Psychologist
12. Literary theft or passing off an author's original work as one's own.  
(a) Pantheism (b) Plagiarism  
(c) Piracy (d) None of these
13. A medicine that kills pests.  
(a) Insecticide (b) germicide  
(c) Pesticide (d) Patricide
14. Government by the nobles.  
(a) Autocracy (b) Monarchy  
(c) Plutocracy (d) Aristocracy
15. Words which are inscribed on the grave or the tomb in memory of the buried.  
(a) Epitaph (b) Manuscript  
(c) Cartography (d) Inscription
16. A place where plates, dishes, pots and other cooking utensils are washed up.  
(a) Porch (b) Scullery  
(c) Washbasin (d) Sink

**Directions (Questions 17 - 24) : Identify the concept expressed by each of the sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given.**

17. In order to save time we'll fax all the information.  
Clauses of -  
(a) Reason (b) Purpose  
(c) Time (d) None of these
18. There was such a large crowd at the entrance that we couldn't manage to get in.  
Clauses of -  
(a) Reason (b) Purpose  
(c) Time (d) Result
19. He was not so ill as we had thought.  
Adverbial clause of -  
(a) Cause (b) Purpose  
(c) Comparison (d) Concession
20. Everybody wants to be happy.  
(a) Assertive (b) Affirmative  
(c) Exclamatory (d) None of these
21. "May her soul rest in peace !"  
(a) Command (b) Proposal  
(c) Advice (d) Wish
22. But for your help, I would have been ruined.  
(a) Assertive (b) Affirmative  
(c) Exclamatory (d) None of these

23. Take only liquid food for three days at least  
(a) Proposal (b) Order  
(c) Advice (d) Request
24. I left nothing unfinished.  
(a) Negative (b) Affirmative  
(c) Assertive (d) None of these

**Directions (Questions 25 - 32) : Fill in the blanks with the correct phrases.**

25. He \_\_\_\_\_ the tapestry violently.  
(a) tore down (b) tear down  
(c) torn down (d) tear downed
26. I \_\_\_\_\_ with the disease.  
(a) was born (b) is born  
(c) am bore (d) will born
27. They \_\_\_\_\_ free samples.  
(a) are giving away (b) are give away  
(c) is giving away (d) is give away
28. This tree \_\_\_\_\_ around longer than you.  
(a) has been (b) is been  
(c) was been (d) will been
29. King Cobras \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous animals.  
(a) are extremely (b) is extremely  
(c) was extremely (d) will extremely
30. He \_\_\_\_\_ the stairs.  
(a) fell down (b) fall down  
(c) falling down (d) falled down
31. Motorcycles \_\_\_\_\_ faster than cars.  
(a) is usually (b) are usually  
(c) will usually (d) can usually
32. Fortune \_\_\_\_\_ the brave.  
(a) favours (b) favour  
(c) fervour (d) favourite

**Directions (Questions 33 - 41) : Fill in the blanks with the appropriate prepositions.**

33. These computers are cheap enough to be accessible \_\_\_\_\_ most people.  
(a) by (b) for  
(c) to (d) with
34. I am already acquainted \_\_\_\_\_ the latest developments of the situation.  
(a) for (b) with  
(c) in (d) over

35. There is nothing new \_\_\_\_\_ the Sun.  
(a) under (b) for  
(c) in (d) to
36. His dress was not appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ the occasion.  
(a) by (b) under  
(c) in (d) to
37. There weren't many people \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting.  
(a) for (b) on  
(c) around (d) at
38. Place the table \_\_\_\_\_ the sofa.  
(a) opposite (b) opposite to  
(c) for (d) to
39. The baby climbed \_\_\_\_\_ the table.  
(a) into (b) onto  
(c) for (d) to
40. She kept the flowers \_\_\_\_\_ the window.  
(a) into (b) onto  
(c) by (d) for
41. We have been friends \_\_\_\_\_ we were small.  
(a) since (b) from  
(c) than (d) by

**Directions (Questions 42 - 49) : Analyse the given sentences and choose the correct option.**

42. Joe went to the gun shop.  
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence  
(c) Compound sentence (d) None of these
43. I fell down the stairs, so my dad came to check up on me.  
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence  
(c) Compound sentence (d) None of these
44. Sweep the floor before you leave.  
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence  
(c) Compound sentence (d) None of these
45. The food smells delicious.  
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence  
(c) Compound sentence (d) None of these
46. Kunga worked hard and passed in the first division.  
(a) Compound sentence (b) Complex sentence  
(c) Simple sentence (d) None of these
47. It started raining as soon as the match began.  
(a) Complex sentence (b) Compound sentence  
(c) Simple sentence (d) None of these

48. I bought a ticket and went in.

- (a) Complex sentence
- (b) Compound sentence
- (c) Simple sentence
- (d) None of these

49. You may either go to the library or go out and play.

- (a) Complex sentence
- (b) Compound sentence
- (c) Simple sentence
- (d) None of these

**Directions (Questions 50 - 58) : Choose the correct alternative which is the closest in meaning to the given phrase/sentence.**

50. A person who inhabits a particular place.

- (a) denizen
- (b) denisen
- (c) denizends
- (d) demizen

51. In an opposing direction.

- (a) traverse
- (b) adverse
- (c) converse
- (d) diverse

52. A person who pleads for another person, plea or cause.

- (a) advocate
- (b) judge
- (c) jury
- (d) syndicate

53. Showing little or no emotion.

- (a) apathetic
- (b) empathetic
- (c) sympathetic
- (d) nympathetic

54. One who attacks

- (a) predator
- (b) violator
- (c) agresor
- (d) samurai

55. Living at the same time as another

- (a) contemporary
- (b) generation
- (c) era

56. A speech without preparation

- (a) sermon
- (b) elocution
- (c) oratory
- (d) extempore

57. An office without any pay

- (a) voluntary
- (b) service
- (c) honorary
- (d) provisional

58. That which cannot be taken by force

- (a) hospitable
- (b) impregnable
- (c) imperceptible
- (d) impenetrable

**Directions (Questions 59 - 67) : Choose the alternative which best express the meaning of the idiom/phrases.**

59. Kick the bucket.  
(a) to die (b) to fail  
(c) to be ashamed (d) to be happy
60. Under the weather.  
(a) to feel lonely (b) to feel gloomy  
(c) to be sad (d) to be ill or sick
61. Blow one's own trumpet.  
(a) to be victorious (b) to boast about oneself  
(c) to humiliate oneself (d) to criticize oneself
62. In stitches  
(a) to laugh a lot (b) to be in extreme pain  
(c) to be in trouble (d) to be confused
63. When pigs fly.  
(a) something that will never happen (b) to be ambitious  
(c) something that might happen (d) to be hopeful
64. Man of parts.  
(a) talented (b) restless  
(c) strange person (d) a dull person
65. Upside down.  
(a) extreme displeasure (b) in total disorder  
(c) here and there (d) extreme failure
66. At the eleventh hour.  
(a) at the right moment (b) at the last moment  
(c) by small degree (d) to be in disorder
67. Give the game away.  
(a) reveal a secret or plan unintentionally (b) find out one's secret opinion  
(c) to betray (d) to be ridiculed

**Directions(Questions 68 - 75) : Pick out the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentences.**

68. Whatever we study increases our knowledge.  
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause  
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
69. I watched a movie which amused me a lot.  
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause  
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
70. Call me if you need my help.  
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause  
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

71. The patient died before the doctor could remove the tumour.  
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause  
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
72. Don't just waste money on whatever you want.  
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause  
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
73. I dislike people who waste my time.  
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause  
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
74. You will be healthy as long as you maintain your diet.  
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause  
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
75. What Ranbir said shocked his friends.  
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause  
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

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