

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF SERICULTURE EXTENSION OFFICER UNDER SERICULTURE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER, 2018

GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 2 hours

Full Marks : 100

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

Directions (Questions 1 - 10): Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words:

1. Let us move on.
(a) Verb (b) Adjective
(c) Noun (d) Adverb
2. The play was fantastic.
(a) Adjective (b) Adverb
(c) Noun (d) Verb
3. The books are where you left them.
(a) Pronoun (b) Noun
(c) Adverb (d) Adjective
4. After lunch let's go out for a coffee.
(a) Verb (b) Preposition
(c) Pronoun (d) Adjective
5. Well, I don't think I'll be home before 6.
(a) Interjection (b) Preposition
(c) Pronoun (d) Conjunction
6. I will watch while you sleep.
(a) Adjective (b) Adverb
(c) Conjunction (d) Preposition
7. That was a difficult question.
(a) Preposition (b) Adjective
(c) Adverb (d) Verb
8. Do you like dogs?
(a) Noun (b) Adjective
(c) Verb (d) Adverb
9. He worked the sum quickly.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adverb
10. He kept the fast for a week.
(a) Noun (b) Adjective
(c) Adverb (d) Preposition

Directions (Questions 11 - 20): Choose the correct relative pronoun:

11. The baby, _____ nap had been interrupted.
(a) whose (b) whomever
(c) whom (d) who
12. This is the place _____ we met.
(a) when (b) where
(c) who (d) that
13. The winners, _____ known, will receive the prizes.
(a) whoever (b) who
(c) when (d) that
14. I saw the shoes _____ you bought last week.
(a) when (b) that
(c) who (d) whom
15. You can choose one person, _____ you like to share the trip with you.
(a) whomever (b) that
(c) which (d) whom
16. The clubhouse, in _____ the party was held had a large pool
(a) which (b) where
(c) that (d) whom
17. I'd like to take you to a café _____ serves excellent coffee.
(a) what (b) whatever
(c) which (d) whichever
18. The police needed details _____ could help identify the robber.
(a) who (b) whatever
(c) that (d) what
19. I am looking for someone _____ can watch my cat while I am away.
(a) which (b) who
(c) whom (d) whoever
20. The festival, _____ lasted all day, ended with a feast.
(a) that (b) who
(c) which (d) what

Directions (Questions 21 - 30): Fill the blanks with proper conjunctions.

21. I was on time, _____ everyone else was late.
(a) so (b) but
(c) for (d) and
22. He is a weak leader, _____ he has plenty of supporters.
(a) otherwise (b) moreover
(c) nevertheless (d) therefore
23. You will be late _____ you hurry.
(a) unless (b) when
(c) until (d) if
24. Give me a drink, _____ I shall die of thirst.
(a) else (b) till
(c) if (d) and

25. Wait _____ I return.
(a) for (b) when
(c) before (d) till
26. My car has a radio _____ music player.
(a) but (b) or
(c) and (d) nor
27. I visit the Grand Canyon _____ I go to Arizona.
(a) once (b) whenever
(c) wherever (d) when
28. I could not get a seat _____ I came early.
(a) if (b) as
(c) when (d) though
29. Live well _____ you may die well.
(a) when (b) and
(c) that (d) or
30. He finished first _____ he began late.
(a) as (b) though
(c) since (d) for

Directions (Questions 31 - 35): Choose the correct preposition/ articles to complete the sentences.

31. We should not spend money _____ luxuries.
(a) for (b) on
(c) with (d) in
32. They are called _____ different names.
(a) by (b) with
(c) for (d) at
33. _____ the evening we watched for fireflies.
(a) Under (b) Between
(c) Throughout (d) After
34. They will return _____ Sunset.
(a) after (b) at
(c) for (d) before
35. He travelled 70 miles _____ two hours.
(a) in (b) for
(c) by (d) at

Directions (Questions 36 - 40): Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb from the given options:

36. Time and tide _____ for no man. (wait)
(a) wait (b) waited
(c) waits (d) had waited
37. The car crashed when the driver _____ at full speed. (go)
(a) go (b) goes
(c) gone (d) was going

38. David _____ the gold medal last year. (win)
(a) won (b) win
(c) wins (d) winning
39. Yesterday evening I _____ hard till late because I had a difficult task. (work)
(a) had worked (b) work
(c) was working (d) am working.
40. John gave a speech. He _____ for an hour. (speak)
(a) speak (b) speaks
(c) had spoken (d) spoke

Directions (Questions 41 - 51): Transform the following sentences as directed.

41. How gorgeous is the sunset! (Assertive)
(a) How is the sunset so gorgeous? (b) The sunset is gorgeous, isn't it?
(c) The sunset is very gorgeous. (d) How gorgeous the sunset is!
42. No other metal is as expensive as gold. (Superlative)
(a) No other metal except gold is expensive. (b) Gold is expensive of all the metals.
(c) Isn't gold the most expensive? (d) Gold is the most expensive of all the metals.
43. She treated me respectfully. (Adjective)
(a) She treated me with respect. (b) She respectfully treats me.
(c) She was respectful to me. (d) She treats me with respect.
44. Human is mortal. (Negative)
(a) Human is immortal. (b) Human is not immortal.
(c) Not all humans are mortal. (d) Not all humans are immortal.
45. Stop it. (Interrogative)
(a) Will you stop it? (b) Please stop it.
(c) Can you stop it? (d) Please stop.
46. It is too late. We can't start a new lesson now. (Use infinitive)
(a) It is too late for us to start a new lesson. (b) It is too late that can't start a new lesson.
(c) It is getting late to start a new lesson. (d) We are too late starting a new lesson.
47. Cancer is curable and everybody knows this. (to complex)
(a) Cancer is curable is known to all.
(b) Cancer is curable is a known fact.
(c) Everybody knows that cancer is curable.
(d) Everybody knows that cancer can be cured.
48. Everyone knows that the earth is round. (to compound)
(a) The earth is round and everyone knows it. (b) Everyone knows the earth is circular.
(c) The earth is round is a well known fact. (d) The earth is round is known to everyone.
49. Listen and I will tell you all. (to Complex)
(a) If you listen, I will tell you all. (b) Listen and know all.
(c) Listen carefully to know all. (d) If you listen to me, I will tell you everything.
50. If you cannot obey me, you have to leave. (to compound)
(a) If you don't obey me, you will have to leave. (b) Obey or leave.
(c) Either obey me or leave. (d) Obey me or leave.

Directions (Questions 51 - 55): Identify the following sentences or clauses from the given options.

51. We can wait here until David calls us.
(a) compound (b) simple
(c) complex (d) none of these
52. Either the engine starts, or we will remain here all night.
(a) compound (b) simple
(c) complex (d) none of these
53. The old car was in a fairly good condition, but the condition of the body was poor.
(a) compound (b) simple
(c) complex (d) none of these
54. The small streams that run through the area are loaded with fish.
(a) adverb clause (b) adjective clause
(c) noun clause (d) none of these
55. When the leaves begin to fall, we will harvest the last of our crops.
(a) adverb clause (b) adjective clause
(c) noun clause (d) none of these

Directions (Questions 56 - 60): Synthesize the sentences as directed in the brackets.

56. He must be asleep. There is no light in his room. (use for)
(a) For there is no light in his room, he must be asleep.
(b) There is no light in his room for he is asleep.
(c) He is asleep for there is no light in his room.
(d) He must be asleep for there is no light in his room.
57. The tortoise is slow. He is sure. (to adversative conjunction)
(a) The tortoise is slow and sure. (b) The tortoise is slowly sure.
(c) the tortoise is slow yet it is sure. (d) The tortoise is slow because it is sure.
58. I have some duties. I must perform them. (use infinitive)
(a) I must perform some duties. (b) I have some duties to perform.
(c) I am performing some duties. (d) I have performed some duties.
59. He was obstinate. He was punished. (illative conjunction)
(a) He was obstinate therefore he was punished. (b) He was punished for obstinacy.
(c) He was obstinate and punished. (d) He was punished for being obstinate.
60. He entered the room. He took off his uniform. (use compound conjunction)
(a) He entered the room as he took off his uniform.
(b) He entered the room so he took off his uniform.
(c) He took off his uniform as soon as he entered his room.
(d) He took off his uniform on entering the room.

Directions (Questions 61 - 65): Pick the correct clause in the given sentences:

61. Take a lamp because the night is dark.
(a) adverb clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

62. There came a time when he was tired of waiting.
(a) adverb clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
63. He gets up early every morning and he goes out to walk.
(a) adverb clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
64. He advanced as far as he dared.
(a) adverb clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
65. Anyone who comes late will be punished.
(a) adverb clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

Directions (Questions 66 - 70): Choose the right collocation:

66. Could you _____ the oil?
(a) inspect (b) check
(c) test (d) examine
67. I try to avoid his company because he is a crashing _____.
(a) bore (b) nuisance
(c) pest (d) bother
68. It is a golden _____, if you miss it you will regret it.
(a) chance (b) opportunity
(c) offer (d) occasion
69. The announcement was made to a deafening _____.
(a) appeal (b) alarm
(c) applause (d) apology
70. He was involved in a _____ accident.
(a) ready (b) widespread
(c) dreadful (d) risky

Directions (Questions 71 - 75): Choose the correct synonym for the following words from the options given.

71. Quote
(a) sight (b) sigh
(c) sire (d) cite
72. Stumbling block.
(a) argument (b) frustration
(c) fall out (d) hurdle
73. Wise
(a) momentous (b) pragmatic
(c) judicious (d) cautious
74. Gullible
(a) credible (b) believable
(c) credulous (d) fallible

75. Jealous

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| (a) obvious | (b) atrocious |
| (c) envious | (d) ferocious |

Directions (Questions 76 - 80): Choose the word that is opposite in meaning from the given options.

76. Fresh

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| (a) faulty | (b) sluggish |
| (c) disgraceful | (d) stale |

77. Enormous

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| (a) soft | (b) average |
| (c) tiny | (d) weak |

78. Exodus

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| (a) influx | (b) home coming |
| (c) return | (d) restoration |

79. Frugal

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| (a) copious | (b) extravagant |
| (c) generous | (d) ostentatious |

80. Base

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| (a) climax | (b) height |
| (c) top | (d) lowly |

Directions (Questions 81 - 90): Choose the correct meaning of the following idioms and phrases.

81. Black and blue.

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| (a) sinister | (b) high class |
| (c) honest and legal | (d) full of bruises |

82. Poker face.

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| (a) does not show any emotion | (b) card player |
| (c) ugly | (d) irresponsible |

83. Spill the beans.

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| (a) careless | (b) talkative |
| (c) vegetarian | (d) expose a secret |

84. An acid test.

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| (a) a scientific experiment | (b) uncontrolled |
| (c) a critical test | (d) difficult task |

85. A steal.

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| (a) stolen goods | (b) unclear |
| (c) very inexpensive | (d) harmless |

86. Baker's dozen.

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| (a) twelve | (b) thirteen |
| (c) fourteen | (d) twenty four |

87. Blue moon.

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| (a) type of cheese | (b) rare event or occurrence |
| (c) superstitious signs | (d) heavy rain. |

88. Ins and outs.

- (a) bold confrontation
- (b) exit and entrance
- (c) long time
- (d) full detail

89. A close fisted person

- (a) A powerful person
- (b) A cowardly person
- (c) A close friend
- (d) A miser

90. Despite the doctor's advice he still eats like a horse.

- (a) Eats a lot of food
- (b) Eats slowly
- (c) Swallows his food
- (d) Does not like to eat

Directions (Questions 91 - 100): Choose the correct alternative:

91. I _____ what I can do for you.

- (a) saw
- (b) have seen
- (c) shall see
- (d) see

92. Tom _____ to his hometown in 1994.

- (a) moves
- (b) moved
- (c) shall move
- (d) is moving

93. The train _____ when I reached the station.

- (a) had come
- (b) has come
- (c) will come
- (d) shall come

94. My brother _____ in the garden since morning.

- (a) is digging
- (b) was digging
- (c) have been digging
- (d) has been digging

95. He said that he _____ the letter.

- (a) has written
- (b) had written
- (c) is writing
- (d) will write

96. Can I go to the party _____ ?

- (a) to
- (b) too
- (c) two
- (d) none of the above

97. He is a man of _____.

- (a) principles
- (b) principals
- (c) principal
- (d) principle

98. Mr. and Mrs. Smith like to work in _____ garden.

- (a) there
- (b) they're
- (c) their
- (d) they

99. It's hard to resist when things are on _____.

- (a) sell
- (b) cell
- (c) sale
- (d) sail

100. Do you like to play any _____ games?

- (a) bored
- (b) broad
- (c) brood
- (d) board