

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF U.D.C. UNDER TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MAY, 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 ' Population Explosion' in about 500 words. (25)
2. Write a précis on the following passage. (25)

When we survey our lives and efforts we soon observe that almost the whole of our actions and desires are bound up with the existence of other human beings. We notice that whole nature resembles that of the social animals. We eat food that others have produced, wear clothes that others have made, live in houses that others have built. The greater part of our knowledge and beliefs has been passed on to us by other people through the medium of a language which others have created. Without language and mental capacities, we would have been poor indeed comparable to higher animals.

We have, therefore, to admit that we owe our principal knowledge over the least to the fact of living in human society. The individual who is left alone from birth would remain primitive and beast like in his thoughts and feelings to a degree that we can hardly imagine. The individual is what he is and has the significance that he has, not much in virtue of the individuality, but rather as a member of a great human community, which directs his material and spiritual existence from the cradle to grave.

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. The rain made the grass wet.
(a) verb (b) noun
(c) adverb (d) adjective
2. After three very unhappy years, they divorced.
(a) conjunction (b) preposition
(c) noun (d) adverb

3. Can you make me a birthday cake by Monday?
(a) noun (b) pronoun
(c) verb (d) adjective
4. The government seems to change its mind a great deal.
(a) adjective (b) verb
(c) adverb (d) preposition
5. This wood will make a good hiding place.
(a) verb (b) adverb
(c) adjective (d) pronoun
6. She was made to repeat the whole story.
(a) verb (b) pronoun
(c) noun (d) adverb
7. Have we bought enough chairs?
(a) verb (b) adjective
(c) adverb (d) noun
8. That was a difficult question.
(a) adjective (b) adverb
(c) preposition (d) conjunction

Directions (Questions 9 - 16) : Pick out the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentences.

9. The jury believed that the man was guilty.
(a) noun clause (b) adjective clause
(c) adverb clause (d) co-ordinate clause
10. I know the girl who won the prize.
(a) adverb clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
11. Before I die, I want to see Venice.
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
12. I will not go until he arrives.
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
13. Do you think that I am a fool?
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
14. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.
(a) noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) adverb clause (d) co-ordinate clause
15. The bankers need to know what they should do.
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co ordinate clause

16. Which one is the person who stole your car?
- (a) adjective clause (b) noun clause
(c) adverb clause (d) co-ordinate clause

Directions (Questions 17 - 24) : Analyze the given sentences and choose the correct option.

17. The boy was diligent, so the teacher praised him.
(a) complex sentence (b) simple sentence
(c) compound sentence (d) compound-complex sentence
18. They got there early and got really good seats.
(a) compound sentence (b) simple sentence
(c) complex sentence (d) compound-complex sentence
19. If you look for it, you will find it.
(a) Compound sentence (b) simple sentence
(c) complex sentence (d) compound-complex sentence
20. The boy worked hard, but he didn't succeed.
(a) simple sentence (b) complex sentence
(c) compound sentence (d) compound-complex sentence
21. Although he was wealthy, he was still unhappy.
(a) simple sentence (b) complex sentence
(c) compound sentence (d) compound-complex sentence
22. Sarah and Jessie are going swimming.
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence (d) compound-complex sentence
23. Whenever prices go up, Customers buy less products.
(a) simple sentence (b) complex sentence
(c) compound sentence (d) compound-complex sentence
24. He ran out of money, so he had to stop playing poker.
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence (d) compound-complex sentence

Directions (Questions 25 - 32) : Identify the concept expressed by each of the sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given.

25. Can you please open the window?
(a) Command (b) Request
(c) Suggestion (d) Obligation
26. She will come home tomorrow.
Adverb of -
(a) Time (b) Place
(c) Condition (d) Reason
27. The weather is very cold.
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative
(c) Assertive (d) Exclamatory

28. I might go to the movies tomorrow.
(a) obligation (b) probability
(c) determination (d) wish
29. I will win the trophy.
(a) Determination (b) Condition
(c) Wish (d) Probability
30. Water the plants.
(a) Request (b) Imperative
(c) offer (d) purpose
31. She passed the course because she worked hard.
Adverb clause of:
(a) Manner (b) Place
(c) Reason (d) Time
32. Shall we go to the park?
(a) offer (b) Suggestion
(c) Request (d) Wish

Directions (Questions 33 - 40) : Fill in the blanks with the correct phrases.

33. Little Jenny _____ her work well.
(a) have done (b) has done
(c) have do (d) had been done
34. We _____ here since the last twenty years.
(a) have been living (b) had been living
(c) have lived (d) had lived
35. She has been _____ her options for a long time.
(a) thinking for (b) thought of
(c) thinking about (d) thought about
36. You should _____ your good work.
(a) carry up (b) carry on
(c) carry off (d) carry out
37. He _____ the dog away.
(a) has taken (b) have taken
(c) has took (d) has been taken
38. It is too late to _____ of the deal.
(a) back off (b) back down
(c) back out (d) back up
39. The police have warned shopkeepers to _____ for forged notes.
(a) look out (b) look for
(c) look on (d) look about
40. It takes a long time to _____ prejudices.
(a) break out (b) break down
(c) break up (d) break open

Directions (Questions 41 - 48) : Choose the correct alternative which is closest in meaning to the given phrases/sentences.

41. A person who has changed his faith.
(a) Atheist (b) Apostate
(c) Agnostic (d) Ascetic
42. An unconventional style of living.
(a) Bohemian (b) Cannibal
(c) Cosmopolitan (d) Cynic
43. One who runs away from justice.
(a) Convict (b) Fanatic
(c) Fugitive (d) Heretic
44. A family of young animals.
(a) Brood (b) puppies
(c) School (d) Cattle
45. A person who draws or produces map.
(a) Artist (b) Cartographer
(c) Calligrapher (d) Curator
46. A place where bees are kept.
(a) Aviary (b) Abattoir
(c) Apiary (d) Archives
47. A self governing country or region.
(a) Aristocracy (b) Autonomy
(c) Democracy (d) Bureaucracy
48. Lasting for a very short time.
(a) Ethereal (b) Souvenir
(c) Resilient (d) Ephemeral

Directions (Questions 49 - 57) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

49. I have no experience, so I'm _____ a disadvantage when it come to job interviews.
(a) in (b) at
(c) with (d) for
50. My grandparents lived in that same house _____ ages.
(a) for (b) over
(c) since (d) until
51. She should have gotten here _____ now.
(a) to (b) by
(c) until (d) since
52. We have put a lot of effort _____ this project.
(a) in (b) within
(c) into (d) on

53. Everyone ___ Joanna agreed with me.
(a) except (b) with
(c) without (d) also
54. I read the News _____ the newspaper
(a) on (b) in
(c) at (d) within
55. Who is the person _____ this picture?
(a) on (b) in
(c) from (d) by
56. We live _____ London.
(a) at (b) inside
(c) in (d) on
57. The child has been missing _____ yesterday.
(a) since (b) from
(c) for (d) on

Directions (Questions 58 - 66) : Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idioms/phrases.

58. To make clean breast of.
(a) To gain prominence (b) to praise oneself
(c) to confess without a reserve (d) to destroy before it blooms
59. To have an axe to grind.
(a) A private end to serve (b) to fail to arouse interest
(c) to have no result (d) to work for both sides
60. To drive home.
(a) to find one's roots (b) to return to place of rest
(c) to emphasize (d) back to original position
61. To end in smoke.
(a) to ruin oneself (b) to make completely understand
(c) to excite great applause (d) to overcome someone
62. He passed himself off as a noble man.
(a) was regarded as (b) pretended to be
(c) was thought to be (d) was looked upon
63. Burning the candle at both ends.
(a) wasting his money (b) becoming overgenerous
(c) overtaxing his energies (d) losing his objectives
64. Out and out.
(a) no more (b) thoroughly
(c) in favor of (d) deadly against
65. Dowry is a burning question of the day.
(a) a dying issue (b) a relevant problem
(c) a widely debated issue (d) an irrelevant issue

66. On the wane
(a) at its peak (b) at rock bottom
(c) growing more (d) growing less

Directions (Questions 67 - 75) : Choose the correct form of verb.

67. John _____ TV every night.
(a) watch (b) watches
(c) watched (d) has watched
68. I am tired of _____ here.
(a) working (b) work
(c) having worked (d) worked
69. They _____ here next week to visit me.
(a) came (b) come
(c) will come (d) coming
70. I _____ watching TV when Paul and Simon arrived.
(a) is (b) am
(c) was (d) were
71. I have never _____ sushi before.
(a) eat (b) eaten
(c) ate (d) eats
72. I don't know who _____ the chair.
(a) breaks (b) break
(c) broke (d) breaking
73. Someone _____ moved my bag.
(a) have (b) having
(c) was (d) has
74. When I reached the station, the train _____
(a) left (b) had left
(c) leaves (d) leave
75. His company is greatly _____ after.
(a) sought (b) seek
(c) seeked (d) seeking