

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF U.D.C. UNDER EXCISE & NARCOTICS DEPARTMENT JUNE, 2018

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 in about 500 words on *the importance of preserving our Mizo culture* . (25)
2. Write a précis on the following passage. (25)

In democratic countries any efforts to restrict the freedom of the Press are rightly condemned. However, this freedom can be easily abused. Stories about people often attract far more public attention than political events. Though we may enjoy reading about the life of others, it is extremely doubtful whether we would equally enjoy reading about ourselves. Acting on the contention that facts are sacred, reporters can cause untold sufferings to individuals by publishing details about their private life. Newspapers exert such tremendous influence that they cannot only bring about major changes to the life of ordinary people but can even overthrow a government.

The story of a poor family that acquired fame and fortune overnight, dramatically illustrates the power of the Press. The family lived in Aberdeen, a small town of 25,000 inhabitants in South Dakota. As the parents have five children, life was a perpetual struggle against poverty. They were expecting their sixth child and were faced with even more pressing economic problems. If they had only one more child, the fact would have passed unnoticed. They would have continued to struggle against economic odds and would have lived in obscurity. But they suddenly became the parents of quintuplets, four girls and a boy, an event which radically changed their lives. The day after the birth of the five children, an aeroplane arrived in Aberdeen, bringing sixty reporters and photographers. The news was of national importance, for the couple had become the parents of the only quintuplets in America.

The rise to fame was swift. Television cameras and newspapers carried the news to everyone in the country. Newspapers and magazines offered the family huge sums for the exclusive rights to publish their photographs. Gifts poured in not only from unknown people, but from baby food and soap manufacturers who wished to advertise their products. The old farm house the family lived in was to be replaced by a new \$100,000 home. Reporters kept pressing for interviews so lawyers had to be employed to act as the spokesmen of the family at press conferences. The event brought serious changes to the town itself. Plans were announced to build a new huge highway, as Aberdeen was now likely to attract thousands of tourists. Signposts erected on the outskirts of the town directed tourists not to Aberdeen, but to 'Quint-City U.S.A.' The local authorities discussed the possibility of erecting a 'quint museum', to satisfy the curiosity of the public and to protect the family from inquisitive tourists. While the five babies were still quietly sleeping in oxygen tents in a

hospital nursery, their parents were paying the price for fame. It would never again be possible for them to lead normal lives. They have become victims of commercialization, for their names had acquired a market value. The town itself received so much attention that almost every one of the inhabitants was affected to a greater or less degree.

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. Let us move on.
(a) Adverb (b) Adjective
(c) Verb (d) Noun
2. Her sobs could be heard in the steel of might.
(a) Preposition (b) Noun
(c) Adverb (d) Adjective
3. The population of India is less than that of China.
(a) Adjective (b) Pronoun
(c) Adverb (d) Verb
4. He was all alone when I saw him.
(a) Adjective (b) Pronoun
(c) Adverb (d) Noun
5. We went away after they had left.
(a) Adverb (b) Preposition
(c) Adjective (d) Conjunction
6. She pronounced the word quite correctly.
(a) Noun (b) Interjection
(c) Preposition (d) Adverb
7. The moral law is above the civil.
(a) Adverb (b) Preposition
(c) Adjective (d) Noun
8. We shall round the cape in safety.
(a) Adverb (b) Verb
(c) Preposition (d) Adjective

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

9. I do not believe what he says.
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
10. This is the place where our forefathers landed.
(a) noun clause (b) adjective clause
(c) adverb clause (d) co-ordinate clause
11. Apollo was worshipped as long as the Roman empire lasted.
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
12. That he is a cheat is a well known fact.
(a) noun clause (b) adjective clause
(c) adverb clause
13. I asked where he was born.
(a) co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
14. We are such stuff as dreams are made of.
(a) co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
15. I would accept the offer if I were you.
(a) co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
16. I shall remain where I am.
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause

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

17. He granted the request for he was unwilling to disappoint his friend.
(a) Compound sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Simple sentence (d) None of these
18. This is the needle with which she knits.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) None of these
19. I have no advice to offer you.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) None of these
20. He was a mere boy but he offered to fight the giant.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence

21. To his eternal disgrace, he betrayed his country.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence
22. Listen carefully and take notes.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence
23. He that has most time has none to lose.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence
24. The horse reared and the rider was thrown.
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Complex Sentence
(c) Compound Sentence

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

25. You must do your duty.
(a) determination (b) obligation
(c) duty (d) request
26. He shall not enter my house.
(a) command (b) request
(c) logical certainty (d) ability
27. You shall not enter my house again.
(a) command (b) purpose
(c) determination (d) condition
28. He drew his sword that he might defend himself.
(a) comparison (b) time
(c) purpose (d) reason or cause
29. Try again.
(a) reason (b) frequency
(c) manner (d) quantity
30. She is too clever to be cheated.
(a) affirmative (b) negative
(c) interrogative (d) exclamatory
31. Will you have tea?
(a) invitation (b) promise
(c) duty (d) advice
32. He certainly did
(a) affirmative (b) degree
(c) ability (d) possibility

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

33. We have _____ a new series of text books.
(a) brought forward (b) brought forth
(c) brought out (d) brought round
34. He _____ an experienced doctor.
(a) passes out (b) passes off
(c) passes as (d) passes for
35. The whole city was _____ by the flood.
(a) wiped down (b) wiped away
(c) wiped out (d) wiped off
36. The bridge _____ up by the terrorists only last week.
(a) blowed (b) was blowed
(c) blow (d) was blown
37. He felt like _____, he is so uncomfortable.
(a) fish in the water (b) water
(c) fish out of water (d) fishing in water
38. Would you mind _____ the door?
(a) to close (b) closing
(c) close (d) closed
39. He _____ the book on the table.
(a) lain (b) lay
(c) lied (d) laid
40. The train _____ before we reach the station.
(a) arrives (b) is arriving
(c) will have arrived (d) will arrive

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

41. A man who has got womanly habits and manners.
(a) feminine (b) effeminate
(c) feminist (d) masochist
42. A remedy for all diseases.
(a) teetotaler (b) panacea
(c) cure (d) herb
43. Art of beautiful handwriting.
(a) calligraphy (b) philately
(c) palmistry (d) oratory
44. Governed by a sense of duty.
(a) conscious (b) sensible
(c) intelligent (d) conscientious

45. Feeling inside which tells you what is right and what is wrong
(a) cleverness (b) conscience
(c) consciousness (d) fear
46. One who is always doubting.
(a) sceptic (b) deist
(c) rationalist (d) positivist
47. One suffering from a nervous disorder.
(a) orator (b) narcotic
(c) neurotic (d) bigot
48. Sheep form
(a) troupes (b) hordes
(c) flocks (d) litters

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

49. I have not slept _____ yesterday.
(a) from (b) since
(c) over (d) in
50. Few things are impossible _____ diligence and skill.
(a) to (b) into
(c) of (d) in
51. They live _____ the same roof.
(a) with (b) under
(c) at (d) in
52. The mule was partially relieved _____ the load.
(a) from (b) with
(c) to (d) of
53. As a step to renovation he has decided to replace old furniture _____ new ones.
(a) with (b) by
(c) for (d) in
54. Don't mix with those who don't approve _____ your style of living.
(a) with (b) by
(c) upon (d) of
55. Robert and I argued _____ that book.
(a) at (b) for
(c) about (d) of
56. The coach called _____ the names of the winners.
(a) at (b) on
(c) for (d) out
57. You are only labouring _____ some misunderstanding.
(a) in (b) from
(c) under (d) beside

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

58. Sharp practice.
(a) miserly action (b) aggressive dealings
(c) poor business sense (d) questionable dealings
59. A close shave.
(a) stubble (b) very short hair
(c) hairless skin (d) a narrow escape from danger
60. A small fry
(a) unimportant (b) weak
(c) little (d) important
61. Devil's advocate
(a) an advocate of a Devil (b) an advocate like a Devil
(c) discussion of an advocate (d) one who is against religion
62. Put a spoke in my wheel.
(a) tried to cause an accident (b) helped in the execution of the plan
(c) thwarted the execution of the plan (d) destroyed the plan
63. Birds of the same feather
(a) persons of same caste (b) persons of same colour
(c) birds with same type of feather (d) persons of same character
64. Died in harness.
(a) ceased to live (b) died of a disease
(c) died for his country (d) died while working
65. Drops a bombshell
(a) make a serious mistake (b) create a big problem
(c) have some big, bad news (d) are attacking their enemy
66. Go hot and cold.
(a) get angry (b) get irritated
(c) get out of cold (d) sudden feeling of fear and anxiety

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

67. Time and tide _____ for no man.
(a) wait (b) waited
(c) waits
68. My servant _____ me two weeks ago.
(a) left (b) leave
(c) was leaving (d) is living
69. I _____ here for the last two years.
(a) lived (b) will live
(c) have been living (d) shall live

70. When calamity _____ the family, he faced it boldly.
(a) fell (b) fall
(c) befell (d) befall
71. The sun _____ set, we decided to go home.
(a) having (b) has
(c) has been (d) having been
72. One who _____ poems is a poets.
(a) has writing (b) is writing
(c) has been writing (d) writes
73. The horse and carriage _____ at the door.
(a) are (b) were
(c) is (d) have
74. Each of our houses _____ to let.
(a) is (b) are
(c) have (d) has
75. He tells a tale that _____ untrue.
(a) sounding (b) sounds
(c) sound (d) was sound

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