

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF VARIOUS POSTS UNDER MIZORAM INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (MIMER) FEBRUARY, 2018

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Attempt all questions.

SECTION - A **(20 Marks)**

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

1. Write an essay on **any one (1)** of the given topics (not more than 300 words):
 - Skill Development: The need of the hour
 - The importance of health awareness
 - Women Empowerment

SECTION - B **(80 Marks)**

All questions carry equal marks of one (1) each. Attempt all questions.

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

Directions (Question 1 – 12): Read the following passages carefully and choose the best answer to each questions:

Good health depends on several things. Fresh air and sunlight are very important for our health. Fresh air helps us to improve our immune system and overall health. So a morning walk is very useful for health. Sunlight helps our body to produce vitamin-D. A dirty and damp atmosphere causes lots of diseases. Fresh and pure drinking water is also necessary for good health. Impure drinking- water is the cause of several diseases. So, we must take care of these things. Food is another necessary thing for the body. Nutritious foods help us to maintain good health. Consumption of healthy foods helps us to minimize any health related problems. We all should know, how, when and what to eat. We should always include a portion of green vegetables, fruits or salads in our meal. Green vegetables are sources of vital nutrients. Our digestive system plays a key role in our overall health. Fiber rich foods such as whole grain wheat, bran rice, etc. help us improve our digestive system. A balanced and nutritious diet helps the proper growth of the body. But we must remember that we eat to live and not that we live to eat. In India, over-eating causes a large number of deaths. If we eat less, we may live more.

Cleanliness is essential for good health. Without cleanliness, it is very difficult to maintain proper health. We should clear our house and the surrounding areas every day. Every day, we should bath twice, in the morning and in the evening. After eating food, we should clean our hands with soap.

Various types of diseases erupt from unclean surroundings. We should always throw the garbage in the dustbin. A disease-free body is a healthy body, and cleanliness is the key for health. We must know some simple rules of hygiene. Our house must be airy and sunny. Apart from all this, we must form good habits. We should keep ourselves free from cares and anxieties. Early rising is equally necessary for good health. So we must try to keep fit. Health is the real wealth. Health is a great treasure. It is the highest blessing. It is the source of all happiness. Money can't buy happiness. Happiness is priceless and not dependent upon the wealth of a person. Good health, however, contribute to the emotional well-being and happiness of a person. Even with limited income, a person with sound health can lead a happy and enjoyable life.

1. It is difficult to sustain proper health devoid of
 - (a) Wealth
 - (b) Cleanliness
 - (c) Sunlight
 - (d) Anxieties
2. Consumption of water which is not clean and pure can lead to
 - (a) Several diseases
 - (b) Malnutrition
 - (c) Indigestion
 - (d) None of these
3. We should constantly attempt to consume food which are
 - (a) Cheap
 - (b) Easily prepared
 - (c) Nutritious
 - (d) Tasty
4. What is not dependent upon the wealth of a person?
 - (a) Loneliness
 - (b) Happiness
 - (c) Cleanliness
 - (d) Godliness
5. What are the things good health depends upon
 - (a) Fresh Air
 - (b) Green Vegetables
 - (c) Proper Diet
 - (d) All of these
6. What is the source of all happiness
 - (a) Money
 - (b) Property
 - (c) Travelling
 - (d) Health
7. One must cultivate good _____ to stay healthy.
 - (a) relationship
 - (b) habits
 - (c) friendship
 - (d) manners
8. What contributes to the emotional well being of a person
 - (a) Good health
 - (b) Good Physique
 - (c) Good meal
 - (d) Good sleep
9. What should we always free ourselves from?
 - (a) Anxieties
 - (b) Depression
 - (c) Boredom
 - (d) Hunger
10. What are the ideal conditions for a house?
 - (a) Damp and humid
 - (b) Airy and sunny
 - (c) Hot and dry
 - (d) Wet and sultry
11. What factors contributes to the proper growth of the body?
 - (a) Early to bed and early to rise
 - (b) Taking a bath everyday
 - (c) Eating vegetables
 - (d) Balanced and nutritious diet

12. How should we maintain cleanliness after having a meal?
- (a) Clean our hands with soap
 - (b) Take a bath
 - (c) Go for a walk
 - (d) None of these

Directions (Questions 13 – 28): Indicate the correct Idioms and Phrases given in the options:

13. Sweeping Statement
- (a) Wonderful statement
 - (b) Meaningless statement
 - (c) Inconsistent statement
 - (d) Thoughtless statement
14. To have a natural interest
- (a) Yellow Thumb
 - (b) Green Thumb
 - (c) Red Thumb
 - (d) White Thumb
15. Costly or troublesome possession
- (a) A white cat
 - (b) A white leopard
 - (c) A white elephant
 - (d) A white owl
16. Run away in fear
- (a) Took to heels
 - (b) Took off
 - (c) Took a jet
 - (d) Took away
17. Used as a way of talking about jealousy
- (a) Green-eyed monster
 - (b) Brown-eyed monster
 - (c) Blue-eyed monster
 - (d) Loch Ness monster
18. Revealing an information indiscreetly
- (a) Spilling the milk
 - (b) Spilling the beans
 - (c) Spilling the tea
 - (d) Spilling the water
19. A private interest to serve
- (a) Bury the hatchet
 - (b) Went to the winds
 - (c) An axe to grind
 - (d) At one's wit's end
20. Tremble with fear
- (a) Fits and starts
 - (b) Close shave
 - (c) Bad Blood
 - (d) Shake in shoes
21. Irresponsible pleasure seeking in young age
- (a) On the verge of
 - (b) Sowing wild oats
 - (c) Like a phoenix
 - (d) Hobson's Choice
22. Something unexpected and unpleasant
- (a) A red letter day
 - (b) Burn one's boat
 - (c) A sore point
 - (d) A bolt from the blue
23. To be victorious at the end of an argument
- (a) Throw down a glove
 - (b) Turn a deaf ear
 - (c) Have the last laugh
 - (d) To steer clear of
24. A disappointing result
- (a) A damp squib
 - (b) In cold blood
 - (c) To smell a rat
 - (d) Give vent to

25. Being in the same difficult situation
(a) To lose ground (b) Sailing in the same boat
(c) To make one's blood boil (d) To add fuel to the fire
26. Ability to speak well
(a) Hand in glove (b) Soft option
(c) To speak one's mind (d) Gift of the gab
27. Reward and punishment policy
(a) Carrot and stick (b) Ins and outs
(c) Eat everyone's salt (d) Hand in glove
28. To follow the lead
(a) Stick to guns (b) To toe the line
(c) Null and void (d) Leaps and bounds

Directions (Questions 29 – 37): Choose the correct Parts of Speech for the underlined words:

29. My mother and I went to the market today.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
30. We saw a man with a heavy load on his back.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adjective (d) Conjunction
31. The customer and I critically evaluated information on the company's web site.
(a) Noun (b) Conjunction
(c) Preposition (d) Adverb
32. Brian often talked about Ms. Rita.
(a) Preposition (b) Adjective
(c) Adverb (d) Interjection
33. John and I attended a dinner with his parents.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Pronoun (d) Conjunction
34. He was not handsome, yet he was a successful actor.
(a) Interjection (b) Conjunction
(c) Adverb (d) Pronoun
35. The role of the courts is to dispense justice fairly to everyone.
(a) Abstract Noun (b) Common Noun
(c) Concrete Noun (d) Proper Noun
36. Dr. Clancy is seldom wrong in his diagnosis.
(a) Adverb of manner (b) Adverb of time
(c) Adverb of frequency (d) Adverb of degree
37. After taking the medicine my mother is feeling much better.
(a) Adverb of manner (b) Adverb of time
(c) Adverb of frequency (d) Adverb of degree

Directions (Questions 38 – 48): Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option given:

38. I'm afraid I'm not hungry. I have _____.
- (a) already ate (b) already eaten
(c) had eaten (d) had ate.
39. Travelling _____ much easier in the 20th century.
- (a) had became (b) have become
(c) has become (d) had become
40. Mark and I _____ each other since Kindergarten.
- (a) has known (b) have known
(c) had known (d) has knew
41. The police _____ to catch the thief.
- (a) were not able (b) was not able
(c) would not able (d) is not able
42. Mathew has returned _____ his home town.
- (a) from (b) to
(c) onto (d) on
43. The children climbed _____ the monkey bars.
- (a) on (b) in
(c) to (d) into
44. _____ of the two books is costly.
- (a) Neither (b) Either
(c) Each (d) None of these
45. _____ of the two mangoes is ripe.
- (a) Neither (b) Either
(c) Each (d) None of these
46. My son looked at the box of chocolate _____.
- (a) carelessly (b) angrily
(c) happily (d) greedily
47. A small table was lying _____ the two chairs.
- (a) among (b) besides
(c) between (d) within
48. May hay _____ the sun shines.
- (a) until (b) till
(c) before (d) while

Directions (Questions 49 – 58): Choose the correct sentence type from the given options:

49. Bob and Ronny ate too much and felt sick.
(a) Complex sentence (b) Compound Sentence
(c) Simple Sentence (d) Compound-Complex sentence
50. I spoke to your friend in English, but he responded in Mizo.
(a) Complex sentence (b) Compound Sentence
(c) Simple Sentence (d) Compound-Complex sentence
51. Lucy returned the computer after she knew it was damaged.
(a) Complex sentence (b) Compound Sentence
(c) Simple Sentence (d) Compound-Complex sentence
52. My parents usually go for a walk while the sun sets, but it was raining today.
(a) Complex sentence (b) Compound Sentence
(c) Simple Sentence (d) Compound-Complex sentence
53. Only God can help us.
(a) Affirmative Sentence (b) Interrogative Sentence
(c) Negative Sentence (d) Imperative Sentence
54. Michael doesn't always visit me.
(a) Affirmative Sentence (b) Interrogative Sentence
(c) Negative Sentence (d) Assertive Sentence
55. Who doesn't wish to be happy?
(a) Affirmative Sentence (b) Interrogative Sentence
(c) Negative Sentence (d) Assertive Sentence
56. They did not play football yesterday.
(a) Exclamatory Sentence (b) Imperative Sentence
(c) Negative Sentence (d) Assertive Sentence
57. Hurrah! We have won the game.
(a) Exclamatory Sentence (b) Interrogative Sentence
(c) Negative Sentence (d) Assertive Sentence
58. Let us go out for a walk.
(a) Exclamatory Sentence (b) Interrogative Sentence
(c) Imperative Sentence (d) Assertive Sentence

Directions (Questions 59 – 64): Choose the correct synthesis from the sentences given in options:

59. Raju is my landlord. He is a miser.
(a) Raju, my landlord, is a miser (b) Miser is my landlord Raju
(c) My landlord Raju is a miser (d) Raju is a miser landlord
60. My neighbour has a lot of money. But he is very unhappy.
(a) My neighbour has a lot of money and unhappy too
(b) In spite of having a lot of money my neighbour is very unhappy
(c) My neighbour is unhappy due to his money
(d) Money is the source of my neighbour's unhappiness

61. Amy won a lottery. She bought an expensive car.
(a) Amy won a lottery and bought an expensive car
(b) Amy bought an expensive car because she won a lottery
(c) Having won a lottery Amy bought an expensive car
(d) Winning a lottery helped Amy bought an expensive car
62. They will come. That is certain.
(a) Will they come certainly? (b) They will come and that is certain
(c) Certainly come they will (d) They will certainly come
63. Danny collects vintage cars. It is his hobby.
(a) Danny collects vintage cars because it is his hobby
(b) It is Danny's hobby to collect vintage cars
(c) Vintage cars are collected by Danny as a hobby
(d) Danny's hobby is to collect vintage cars
64. Rosy had many shortcomings. But she was a nice girl
(a) In spite of having many shortcomings Rosy is a nice girl
(b) Rosy is a nice girl though she has many shortcomings
(c) Rosy is a nice girl who has many shortcomings
(d) Rosy had many shortcomings although she was a nice girl

Directions (Questions 65 – 72): Choose the right one word substitution from the given options:

65. A person who believes in a state of lawlessness
(a) Atheist (b) Amateur
(c) Anarchist (d) Arsonist
66. A critical judge of any art or craft
(a) Connoisseur (b) Cacographer
(c) Cynosure (d) Coquette
67. A group of worshippers
(a) Constellation (b) Crusaders
(c) Congregation (d) Curator
68. Nursery for babies and young children
(a) Crochet (b) Cricket
(c) Croquet (d) Creche
69. Fear of books
(a) Bathophobia (b) Dipsophobia
(c) Geraphobia (d) Bibliophobia
70. Lasting a very short time
(a) Ephemeral (b) Eternal
(c) Everlasting (d) Eternity
71. Marks that cannot be removed
(a) Incredible (b) Indelible
(c) Inedible (d) Impossible

72. One who sneers at the aims and beliefs of his fellowmen
(a) Cynic (b) Misogynist
(c) Linguist (d) Skeptic

Directions (Questions 73 – 80): Choose the right Usage from the given options:

73. The man was _____ his work.
(a) absorbed in (b) absorbed at
(c) absorbed on (d) absorbed to
74. The teacher was _____ him.
(a) angry against (b) angry to
(c) angry on (d) angry with
75. We must _____ the rules.
(a) conform with (b) conform to
(c) conform about (d) conform on
76. This is an _____ the rule.
(a) exception of (b) exception in
(c) exception to (d) exception on
77. They are _____ India soon.
(a) leaving to (b) leaving for
(c) leaving towards (d) leaving into
78. They are quite capable _____ that.
(a) to do (b) for doing
(c) of doing (d) about doing
79. Did you _____ to school yesterday?
(a) went (b) leave
(c) going (d) go
80. Ruth talks as if she _____ everything.
(a) knew (b) know
(c) known (d) knows

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