

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT UNDER MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, APRIL, 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 any one of the given following topics in not less than 350 words. (25)
 - Enslavement of man by technology
 - Role of newspapers in influencing society or youth
 - Main Festivals in Mizoram
2. Read the given passage carefully and write a précis in about one third of the original length giving a suitable title. (25)

Trees give shade for the benefit of others, and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure the scorching heat, they produce the fruit of which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of mankind? Sandalwood, the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield. Sugarcane, the more it is peeled and cut up into pieces, the more juice does it produce. The men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even in losing their lives. What matters whether men praise them or not? What difference does it make whether they die at this moment or whether lives are prolonged? Happen what may, those who tread in the right path will not set foot in the other. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the mere sake of living one's life is to live the life of dog and crows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of others will assuredly dwell forever in a world of bliss.

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.

Direction (Questions 1 - 10) : Identify the part of speech of the words in italics in the following sentences.

1. Mr. Rex and his family have moved in the *new* building.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adjective
2. Be on time *or* you'll miss the picnic bus.
(a) Interjection (b) Conjunction
(c) Preposition (d) Verb
3. The children *love* ice-cream.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Noun
4. It's a wonderful view!
(a) Exclamation (b) Preposition
(c) Verb (d) Noun
5. The *meeting* has been called off.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Noun (d) Conjunction
6. This garden is the most famous one in the whole *city*.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
7. *Pay* your debt at the earliest.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Preposition
8. *It* has been 3 hours since the operation started.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adjective
9. Thoiba is hiding *behind* the door.
(a) Adverb (b) Preposition
(c) Conjunction (d) Exclamation
10. Tom shouted *loudly*.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Conjunction (d) Exclamation

Directions (Questions 11 - 20) : Identify the kinds of sentences given below.

11. Many people are gathered here for the festival.
(a) Assertive (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
12. How many of you are staying back?
(a) Assertive (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
13. It is hard to know how they have landed here.
(a) Assertive (b) interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) exclamatory
14. Be quiet for a moment.
(a) Assertive (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
15. Oh! What a shame!
(a) Assertive (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
16. Wow! What a goal!
(a) Assertive (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
17. Can somebody help me with the calculations?
(a) Assertive (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
18. You can come any day you wish.
(a) Assertive (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
19. Stop fidgeting at once.
(a) Assertive (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
20. Will your father come to pick you up tomorrow?
(a) Assertive (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory

Directions (Questions 21 - 30) : Identify the kind of tenses of the sentences given below.

21. The boys *are playing* hockey.
(a) Simple present (b) Present continuous
(c) Simple past (d) Past continuous
22. It *has been raining* from morning today.
(a) Present perfect (b) Present perfect continuous
(c) Present continuous (d) Simple past

23. The artisans *mastered* the art very well.
(a) Past tense (b) Present tense
(c) Future tense (d) Past perfect
24. We *have lived* here for ten years.
(a) Present perfect (b) Past perfect
(c) Future perfect (d) Simple present
25. The master *will be back* by Thursday.
(a) Past tense (b) Present tense
(c) Future tense (d) Past perfect
26. He *will have left* the house by then.
(a) Present perfect (b) Past perfect
(c) Future perfect (d) Simple present
27. Can I have some milk before I *go* to bed?
(a) Past tense (b) Present tense
(c) Future tense (d) Past perfect
28. They *are doing* their duty well.
(a) Past tense (b) Present continuous
(c) Future tense (d) Past perfect
29. She *will be meeting* us the next week.
(a) Future continuous (b) Past perfect
(c) Future perfect (d) Simple present
30. The committee *met* for the first time.
(a) Past tense (b) Present tense
(c) Future tense (d) Past perfect

Directions (Questions 31 - 40) : Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions from the choices provided.

31. Don't loiter _____ the street.
(a) off (b) by
(c) in (d) at
32. I came the day _____ yesterday.
(a) after (b) next to
(c) before (d) in front of
33. Is she _____ her room?
(a) at (b) by
(c) on (d) in
34. Don't let the driver jump _____ the car.
(a) across (b) at
(c) with (d) on

35. _____ a month he returned.
(a) After (b) Within
(c) Both (a) & (b) (d) None of these
36. The Maharaj ruled _____ a vast kingdom.
(a) across (b) within
(c) over (d) for
37. Mother has not slept _____ yesterday.
(a) before (b) after
(c) on (d) since
38. In the church, he sits _____ his boys.
(a) at (b) by
(c) with (d) across
39. I tried to reason him _____ of his fears.
(a) over (b) out
(c) off (d) behind
40. Humpty Dumpty sat _____ a wall.
(a) on (b) of
(c) in (d) by

Directions (Questions 41 - 50) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verbs. The choices are provided for each question.

41. Always _____ the truth.
(a) tell (b) speak
(c) say (d) utter
42. My new watch does not _____ good time.
(a) keep (b) tell
(c) show (d) denote
43. The sun _____ in the east.
(a) arise (b) rises
(c) arose (d) arisen
44. He _____ shelter under a tree.
(a) taken (b) will take
(c) takes (d) seek
45. I _____ a funny little man.
(a) see (b) saw
(c) meet (d) following
46. Birds _____ in the sky.
(a) flew (b) flown
(c) fly (d) flying

47. You _____ too loudly.
(a) speak (b) shout
(c) scream (d) will speak
48. The dog _____ after me.
(a) run (b) ran
(c) chase (d) follow
49. Cocks _____ in the morning.
(a) crowing (b) bellow
(c) crow (d) coo
50. _____ away your books.
(a) Put (b) Dive
(c) Drive (d) Launder

Direction (Questions 51 - 60) : Complete the following sentences by supplying appropriate connecting words from the choices provided

51. It is a great loss to a man _____ he cannot laugh.
(a) for (b) by
(c) at (d) that
52. We met a boy _____ had lost his way.
(a) whom (b) which
(c) that (d) who
53. Fit words are better _____ fine ones.
(a) over (b) for
(c) than (d) with
54. Money _____ is easily earned is soon spent.
(a) who (b) whom
(c) which (d) what
55. _____ I am dead, my dearest, sing no songs for me.
(a) If (b) When
(c) Since (d) Because
56. Consider the lilies _____ they grow.
(a) when (b) where
(c) which (d) how
57. The house _____ he was born lies in ruins.
(a) where (b) in which
(c) by which (d) of which
58. They always talk _____ never think.
(a) that (b) who
(c) whomever (d) which

59. We learn _____ we may be able to make our way in the world.
(a) for (b) that
(c) since (d) by
60. _____ he was not there, I spoke to his brother.
(a) Since (b) For
(c) Who (d) Because

Direction (Questions 61 - 70) : Provide suitable Adjectives in the blank spaces choosing the correct one from the choices given

61. _____ fool can do that.
(a) Some (b) Two
(c) Beautiful (d) Any
62. Roopa's mango is _____.
(a) sweet (b) a lot
(c) fallen (d) many
63. The _____ prize was won by a lad.
(a) first (b) three
(c) plenty (d) heavy
64. There are not _____ spoons.
(a) all (b) so many
(c) empty (d) enough
65. He was beaten at his _____ game.
(a) mighty (b) senior
(c) junior (d) own
66. There has not been _____ rain this year.
(a) no (b) so much
(c) sufficient (d) such
67. The _____ old crow tried to sing.
(a) foolish (b) bored
(c) black (d) too
68. The _____ woman lives in a wretched hut.
(a) old (b) blind
(c) poor (d) all of these
69. He set out on a _____ journey.
(a) boyish (b) foolish
(c) careful (d) hopeful
70. The _____ lad saved the child from drowning.
(a) playful (b) dirty
(c) stormy (d) courageous

Directions (Questions 71 - 75) : Pick out the correct question tags to fill in the blanks.

71. They are coming, _____?
(a) isn't it (b) isn't they
(c) aren't they (d) aren't it
72. You are free, _____?
(a) aren't they (b) aren't you
(c) isn't it (d) aren't I
73. Your sister cooks well, _____?
(a) doesn't she (b) isn't she
(c) isn't it (d) aren't you
74. She can't swim, _____?
(a) can't she (b) can she
(c) will she (d) isn't she
75. They haven't come yet, _____?
(a) haven't they (b) have they
(c) are they (d) do they

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