

# MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## TECHNICAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF SERICULTURE EXTENSION OFFICER UNDER SERICULTURE DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, OCTOBER, 2020

### 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. Joe grumpily got out of bed.  
(a) Noun (b) Adverb  
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun
2. The sleepy bear hibernated all winter.  
(a) Noun (b) Adverb  
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun
3. His love for music is immense.  
(a) Noun (b) Adverb  
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun
4. Who is the culprit then?  
(a) Noun (b) Adverb  
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun
5. His personality is rather shallow.  
(a) Noun (b) Adverb  
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun
6. This leather couch is so comfortable.  
(a) Noun (b) Adverb  
(c) Adjective (d) Preposition
7. Your dog is lost without you.  
(a) Noun (b) Adverb  
(c) Adjective (d) Preposition
8. Several items were missing.  
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun  
(c) Verb (d) Preposition
9. What have I become?  
(a) Noun (b) Adverb  
(c) Verb (d) Pronoun

10. While I bake, you clean.

- (a) Preposition
- (b) Conjunction
- (c) Interjection
- (d) Adjective

**Directions ( Questions 11 - 20 ) : Choose the correct kind of noun.**

11. Mark had to go to the toilet.

- (a) Proper Noun
- (b) Collective Noun
- (c) Common Noun
- (d) Abstract Noun

12. I still hate you for what you did.

- (a) Proper Noun
- (b) Material Noun
- (c) Common Noun
- (d) Abstract Noun

13. Cotton is the main product in this factory.

- (a) Proper Noun
- (b) Collective Noun
- (c) Common Noun
- (d) Material Noun

14. People are no different from a herd of cattle.

- (a) Proper Noun
- (b) Collective Noun
- (c) Common Noun
- (d) Abstract Noun

15. Have you played softball?

- (a) Compound Noun
- (b) Collective Noun
- (c) Common Noun
- (d) Material Noun

16. Man without love is nothing but an abomination.

- (a) Proper Noun
- (b) Collective Noun
- (c) Common Noun
- (d) Abstract Noun

17. Why is your aunt so angry?

- (a) Proper Noun
- (b) Collective Noun
- (c) Common Noun
- (d) Compound Noun

18. Did you make the school team?

- (a) Compound Noun
- (b) Collective Noun
- (c) Common Noun
- (d) Material Noun

19. I saw a school of fish in the aquarium.

- (a) Proper Noun
- (b) Collective Noun
- (c) Common Noun
- (d) Abstract Noun

20. One must have empathy.

- (a) Compound Noun
- (b) Collective Noun
- (c) Common Noun
- (d) Abstract Noun

**Directions (Questions 21 - 31) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:**

21. She was lying \_\_\_\_\_ the table.

- (a) on
- (b) in
- (c) from
- (d) into

22. She sat \_\_\_\_\_ her crush.

- (a) opposite
- (b) opposite to
- (c) in
- (d) from

23. Mark can't live \_\_\_\_\_ his phone.  
(a) without (b) according  
(c) beneath (d) concerning
24. I was born \_\_\_\_\_ 1992.  
(a) on (b) at  
(c) in (d) from
25. I usually do my work \_\_\_\_\_ night.  
(a) on (b) at  
(c) in (d) into
26. I am \_\_\_\_\_ the entrance right now.  
(a) onside (b) from  
(c) into (d) at
27. I taught myself how to play guitar \_\_\_\_\_ the holidays.  
(a) inside (b) during  
(c) outside (d) on
28. I will go \_\_\_\_\_ some of the important stuff.  
(a) through (b) about  
(c) inside (d) aside
29. He is cruel \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
(a) for (b) towards  
(c) on (d) within
30. I had a stroke about an hour \_\_\_\_\_ the marathon.  
(a) into (b) inside  
(c) onto (d) towards
31. I must start \_\_\_\_\_ dawn to reach the station in time.  
(a) by (b) about  
(c) on (d) at

**Directions (Questions 32 - 40) : Identify the correct form of adverb of the underlined words:**

32. I've had enough of you.  
(a) Adverb of Degree (b) Adverb of Frequency  
(c) Adverb of Time (d) Adverb of Manner
33. Barking dogs seldom bite.  
(a) Adverb of Degree (b) Adverb of Frequency  
(c) Adverb of Time (d) Adverb of Manner
34. The dog waited patiently for its master.  
(a) Adverb of Degree (b) Adverb of Place  
(c) Adverb of Time (d) Adverb of Manner
35. I've been working out lately.  
(a) Adverb of Degree (b) Adverb of Frequency  
(c) Adverb of Time (d) Adverb of Manner

36. You won't find any animals here.  
(a) Adverb of Degree (b) Adverb of Place  
(c) Adverb of Manner (d) Adverb of Frequency
37. I always read before I go to sleep.  
(a) Adverb of Degree (b) Adverb of Place  
(c) Adverb of Manner (d) Adverb of Frequency
38. I recently relocated to Chicago.  
(a) Adverb of Degree (b) Adverb of Time  
(c) Adverb of Manner (d) Adverb of Place
39. Clean up your room neatly.  
(a) Adverb of Degree (b) Adverb of Time  
(c) Adverb of Place (d) Adverb of Manner
40. Do you normally do this?  
(a) Adverb of Degree (b) Adverb of Time  
(c) Adverb of Frequency (d) Adverb of Manner

**Directions (Questions 41 - 50) : Identify the correct type of the sentences given below :**

41. The baby cried for food.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence (d) Compound-Complex Sentence
42. They told him to slow down, but he did not listen.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence (d) Compound-Complex Sentence
43. After working out at the gym, Drake went to the pool to cool down.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence (d) Compound-Complex Sentence
44. I don't like cartoons because they are childish, so I don't watch them.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence (d) Compound-Complex Sentence
45. I usually train everyday while it's still dawn, but I felt sick today.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence (d) Compound-Complex Sentence
46. Jack and John ate too much and felt sick.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence (d) Compound-Complex Sentence
47. The woman who taught us Calculus is being arrested for stealing school supplies.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence (d) Compound-Complex Sentence
48. I was feeling rather weak, so I went to bed early.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence (d) Compound-Complex Sentence

49. I spoke to him in English, but he replied in his native tongue.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence (d) Compound-Complex Sentence
50. I have been on too many trains and boats recently.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence  
(c) Complex Sentence (d) Compound-Complex Sentence

**Directions (Questions 51 - 60) : Transform the following sentences as directed.**

51. A brave man alone can do this.(Negative)  
(a) None but a brave man can do this. (b) Only a brave man can do this.  
(c) It can be done by a brave man. (d) A man brave enough can do this.
52. I need 30 dollars only.(Negative)  
(a) I do not need more than 30 dollars. (b) I need more than 30 dollars.  
(c) I need less than 30 dollars. (d) I do need more than 30 dollars.
53. Drinking is a terrible habit.(Interrogative)  
(a) Isn't drinking terrible? (b) Isn't drinking a terrible habit?  
(c) Drinking isn't a terrible habit? (d) None of these
54. None can deny that he won.(Interrogative)  
(a) Can none deny that he won? (b) Can I deny that he won?  
(c) Who can deny that he won? (d) Why has he won?
55. You should do the work.(Imperative)  
(a) Should you do the work? (b) Can you do the work?  
(c) You may do the work. (d) Do the work.
56. She should do the work.(Imperative)  
(a) She will do the work. (b) Let her do the work  
(c) Will she do the work? (d) None of these
57. When he saw his parents, he ran away.(Simple)  
(a) Seeing his parents he ran away. (b) He saw his parents and ran away.  
(c) Did he run away when he saw his parents? (d) None of these
58. By working hard you will succeed.(Compound)  
(a) If you work hard you will succeed. (b) Work hard or you won't succeed.  
(c) You might succeed if you work hard. (d) None of these
59. Salam is a boy who is very intelligent.(Simple)  
(a) Salam is a very intelligent boy. (b) Salam is a boy who is very intelligent.  
(c) A very intelligent boy Salam is (d) Is Salam intelligent?
60. He admitted that he was guilty.(Compound)  
(a) He admitted his guilt. (b) He admitted and he was guilty  
(c) He said that he was guilty (d) Did he admit that he was guilty?

**Directions (Questions 61 - 70) : Choose the correct clause in each of the given sentences:**

61. The people need to know what they should do.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause (d) Co-Ordinate Clause

62. You will remain where you are.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause (d) Co-Ordinate Clause
63. I had a girlfriend whose eyes were green.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause (d) Co-Ordinate Clause
64. He laughs best who laughs last.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause (d) Co-Ordinate Clause
65. Do you know who he is?  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause (d) Co-Ordinate Clause
66. What I want for Christmas is a toy gun.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause (d) Co-Ordinate Clause
67. Wait here till I come back.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause (d) Co-Ordinate Clause
68. You don't want to know what she adds to her stew.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause (d) Co-Ordinate Clause
69. I went over to see what happened.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause (d) Co-Ordinate Clause
70. Whether you like it or not, fact is still fact.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause (d) Co-Ordinate Clause

**Directions (Questions 71 - 80) : Choose the correct synonym for the following words.**

71. Jealous  
(a) obvious (b) envious  
(c) atrocious (d) ferocious
72. Smart  
(a) astute (b) clean  
(c) dumb (d) neat
73. Essential  
(a) vital (b) important  
(c) good (d) none of these
74. Irrelevant  
(a) important (b) ignorant  
(c) trivial (d) useful

75. Awful  
(a) good (b) atrocious  
(c) fitting (d) atrophy
76. Interesting  
(a) mundane (b) captivating  
(c) humdrum (d) wonderful
77. New  
(a) archaic (b) temporary  
(c) antiquated (d) contemporary
78. Weak  
(a) intense (b) volatile  
(c) flimsy (d) potent
79. Huge  
(a) dinky (b) miniscule  
(c) copious (d) gargantuan
80. Excess  
(a) pantera (b) viscera  
(c) futile (d) plethora

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

81. Rank and file.  
(a) Normal people (b) High ranking people  
(c) Police (d) High ranking soldier
82. Under one's thumb.  
(a) Under control (b) Under someone  
(c) Undercover (d) None of these
83. Rain cats and dogs.  
(a) Rain lightly (b) Rain heavily  
(c) Stop raining (d) Chaotic
84. Like a cat on hot bricks.  
(a) Fast (b) Confident  
(c) Brave (d) Nervous
85. In high spirits.  
(a) Religious (b) Very happy  
(c) Drunk (d) Something divine
86. Bring to light.  
(a) To rat out (b) Complain  
(c) Disclose (d) Rebuke
87. A bolt from the blue.  
(a) Dangerous (b) Unexpected  
(c) Weird (d) Powerful

88. Cost an arm and a leg.  
(a) Expensive (b) Rare  
(c) Dangerous (d) Cheap
89. At daggers drawn.  
(a) War (b) Safe  
(c) Peace (d) Hostile
90. Take to one's heels.  
(a) Take a stand (b) Sprint  
(c) Fall down (d) Run away

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

91. I \_\_\_\_\_ playing for quite some time.  
(a) have (b) have been  
(c) has (d) has been
92. Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ tea?  
(a) much (b) few  
(c) many (d) some
93. The time \_\_\_\_\_ for me to leave.  
(a) coming (b) came  
(c) come (d) has come
94. Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ tag along?  
(a) too (b) two  
(c) true (d) to
95. I am currently studying \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a) abroad (b) aspread  
(c) broad (d) spread
96. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ yourself?  
(a) enjoy (b) enjoyed  
(c) enjoying (d) enjoys
97. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ to beat him?  
(a) disable (b) be able  
(c) abled (d) able
98. He is currently \_\_\_\_\_ the letter?  
(a) writing (b) writes  
(c) writer (d) write
99. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ for me?  
(a) singer (b) sing  
(c) sings (d) singing
100. Why are you \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
(a) running (b) run  
(c) runs (d) ran