

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF U.D.C. UNDER SECRETARIAT ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY, 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. 'Moral values should be made as a compulsory subject in schools'. Do you agree? Write an essay in about 500 words airing your views on the topic. (25)
2. Write a précis on the following passage. (25)

Dear boy, now that you are going a little more into the world I will take this occasion to explain my intentions as to your future expenses, that you may know what you have to expect from me and make your plan accordingly. I shall neither deny nor grudge you any money that may be necessary for either your improvement or pleasures; I mean the pleasures of rational being. Under the head of improvement I mean the best books, and the best masters cost what they will; I also mean the expense of lodgings, coach, dress, servants, etc., which, according to the several places where you may be, shall be respectively necessary to enable you to keep the best company. Under the head of rational pleasures I comprehend, first, proper charities to real and compassionate objects of it; secondly, proper presents to those whom you are obliged, or whom you desire to oblige; thirdly, a conformity of expense to that of the company which you keep; as in public spectacles, your share of little entertainments, a few pistoles at games of mere commerce and other incidental calls of good company. The only two articles which I will never supply are, the profusion of low riot, and the idle lavishness of negligence and laziness. A fool squanders away without credit or advantage to himself, more than a man of sense spends with both. The latter employs his money as he does his time, and never spends a shilling of the one, nor a minute of the other, but in something that is either useful or rationally pleasing to himself or others. The former buys whatever he does not want, and does not pay for what he does want. He cannot withstand the charms of a toy-shop; snuff-boxes, watches, heads or canes, etc., are his destruction. His servants and tradesmen conspire with his own indolence to cheat him, and in a very little time he is astonished, in the midst of all the ridiculous superfluities, to find himself in want of all the real comforts and necessaries of life. Without care and method the largest fortune will not and with them almost the smallest will, supply all necessary expenses. Keep an account in a book, of all that you receive, and of all that you pay; for no man, who knows what he receives and what he pays, ever runs out.

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. Still water runs deep.
(a) verb (b) noun
(c) adverb (d) adjective
2. I was young once.
(a) adverb (b) adjective
(c) verb (d) noun
3. Give thanks to the Lord; for He is good.
(a) preposition (b) conjunction
(c) adverb (d) adjective
4. Our blessings come from above.
(a) Adjective (b) Adverb
(c) Preposition (d) Noun
5. Analyze the above sentence.
(a) Adverb (b) Preposition
(c) Adjective (d) Noun
6. There are twenty boys in this class.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adjective (d) Preposition
7. Both of them are dead.
(a) Conjunction (b) Adjective
(c) Pronoun (d) Noun
8. He is on the committee.
(a) conjunction (b) adverb
(c) noun (d) preposition

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

9. That you have come pleases me.
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
10. My parents were poor though they were of noble birth.
(a) noun clause (b) adjective clause
(c) adverb clause (d) co-ordinate clause

11. It is uncertain whether he will come.
(a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
12. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
(a) noun clause (b) adjective clause
(c) adverb clause (d) none of these
13. Success attends the person who works hard.
(a) co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
14. I stopped because I was tired.
(a) co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
15. He cannot find a place to sleep in.
(a) co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
16. If you eat too much, you will be ill.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause

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

17. We sow so that we may reap.
(a) simple sentence (b) complex sentence
(c) compound sentence (d) none of these
18. Youth is the time for the formation of character.
(a) simple sentence (b) complex sentence
(c) compound sentence (d) none of these
19. Only Indians are admitted.
(a) simple sentence (b) complex sentence
(c) compound sentence (d) none of these
20. The birds have no water that they can drink.
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence
21. They serve God well who serve his creatures.
(a) simple sentence (b) complex sentence
(c) compound sentence
22. Man is guided by reason, and beast by instinct.
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence
23. Listen carefully and take notes.
(a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
(c) complex sentence (d) none of these

24. The moon was bright and we could see our way.
(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. She may come to see me.
(a) condition (b) probability
(c) wish (d) purpose
26. Will you lend me your car?
(a) determination (b) obligation
(c) probability (d) request
27. I will succeed.
(a) determination (b) wish
(c) command (d) purpose
28. Don't talk *while she is singing*.
Adverb clause of -
(a) Condition (b) Reason or Cause
(c) Time (d) Place
29. She arrived a few minutes ago.
Adverb of -
(a) Place (b) Time
(c) Manner (d) Frequency
30. What a pity! You have lost.
(a) assertive (b) exclamatory
(c) affirmative (d) interrogative
31. You shall be rewarded.
(a) promise (b) threat
(c) habit (d) ability
32. The match was won with ease
(a) anticipation (b) cause
(c) manner (d) condition

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

33. The king _____ all opposition with an iron hand.
(a) bore down (b) bore out
(c) bore away (d) bore with
34. He is _____ a bright future.
(a) looking forward to (b) looking into
(c) looking for (d) looking after

35. Chlorine _____ a pungent smell.
(a) gives out (b) gives off
(c) gives away (d) gives in
36. On seeing the police approach , the miscreants _____
(a) cooled their heels (b) wore at their heels
(c) took to their heels (d) took upon their heels
37. I am quite _____.
(a) hale hearty (b) hale and hearty
(c) hearty and hale (d) hearty
38. My friend _____ play football at school.
(a) used to (b) is used to
(c) was used to (d) would use to
39. He _____ his collar-bone.
(a) has broken (b) has broke
(c) is broken (d) break
40. I _____ this burden for long.
(a) was born (b) was borne
(c) have born (d) have borne

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

41. A medicine that kills germs.
(a) germicide (b) grassevore
(c) insecticide (d) insectivore
42. A scholar of many languages.
(a) linguist (b) literate
(c) amateur (d) avarice
43. A man who keep changing sides.
(a) Chameleon (b) Hospitable
(c) Turncoat (d) Compatible
44. Take great pleasure.
(a) revel (b) satisfied
(c) uphold (d) overhaul
45. Murder of one's children
(a) filicide (b) foeticide
(c) fratricide (d) infanticide
46. Fluent and clear in speech.
(a) emotional (b) enthusiastic
(c) articulate (d) confident
47. A style that is too full of words is called -
(a) verbal (b) reticent
(c) verbose (d) popular

48. These do not come in litters.

- (a) chickens (b) piglets
(c) puppies (d) kittens

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

49. Don't loiter _____ the street.

- (a) about (b) over
(c) in (d) on

50. _____ last month, I have seen him but once.

- (a) over (b) since
(c) about (d) in

51. She made grand preparations _____ his coming.

- (a) on (b) without
(c) against (d) for

52. Never do anything that is incompatible _____ national interests.

- (a) with (b) to
(c) for (d) on

53. In the long run, drinking proved fatal both _____ his reputation and his health.

- (a) for (b) to
(c) of (d) in

54. He was in a hurry and just glanced _____ the letter.

- (a) into (b) from
(c) through (d) against

55. The men quarreled _____ themselves.

- (a) with (b) against
(c) among (d) within

56. She learned Russian _____ the age of 45.

- (a) about (b) by
(c) at (d) for

57. This book is superior _____ that.

- (a) than (b) to
(c) for (d) with

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

58. Mussolini was in a position to snap his fingers at his opponents.

- (a) to conduct (b) to defy
(c) to control (d) to usurp

59. Maiden speech.

- (a) first speech (b) long speech
(c) brief speech (d) emotional speech

60. Make no bones about
(a) to make no effort (b) to admit something readily
(c) to make a fuss about (d) to create no hindrance
61. An apple of discord
(a) the cause of contention (b) sour apple
(c) a quarrel (d) a fight for an apple
62. The present undergraduate syllabus leaves very little elbow room for teachers to be innovative.
(a) room for elbow (b) space
(c) freedom (d) ground
63. a man of straw.
(a) a hypocrite (b) an unhealthy man
(c) a man of no substance (d) an inefficient man
64. on the horns of a dilemma
(a) a nervous condition (b) in terrible mood
(c) in difficult situation (d) in suspense
65. by fits and starts.
(a) very seriously (b) excitedly
(c) consistently (d) irregularly
66. Pocket an insult.
(a) bear an insult without protest (b) not to take any action
(c) sit over a resolution (d) ignore a case

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

67. The quality of the grapes _____ not good.
(a) is (b) was
(c) were (d) are
68. The minister _____ here tomorrow.
(a) have arrived (b) is arriving
(c) arrived (d) arrives
69. You may join the race if you _____ .
(a) want (b) wants
(c) wanted (d) has wanted
70. I will never forget what you just _____ me.
(a) telling (b) tell
(c) told (d) tells
71. She always _____ illness when she is asked to study
(a) affects (b) effects
(c) affected (d) effect
72. This house _____ to me.
(a) is belonging (b) has been belonging
(c) was belonging (d) belongs

73. He, no less than you, _____ at fault.

- (a) are
- (b) is
- (c) were
- (d) has

74. The Council _____ chosen its President.

- (a) was
- (b) were
- (c) have
- (d) has

75. I offered to help him but he _____

- (a) decline
- (b) was declining
- (c) declined
- (d) had been declined

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