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UPPER DIVISION CLERK (U.D.C.) UNDER HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT,
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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. Social media and social networking seem to play an imperative part on the lives of Mizo youths today. Write an essay in about 500 words expressing your views on the subject.  

2. Write a précis on the following passage.

   It is every man’s experience that morning hours in each house are the busiest hours, when everyone is in a great hurry. Even a fraction of a second is important. Even the laziest creature is stirred to act and he/she moves with the hands of the clock. Everyone has some urgency – father is seen getting ready for the office and so it becomes absolutely essential for the mother to be awfully busy in the kitchen. The children (who usually get up late) rush to get entry into the bathroom and there begins a clash and very often either the fittest survives or the laziest withdraws. The children keep on shouting right from the living room enquiring about their shirt or trousers which hang right in front of their solemn eyes in the closet. Elders lose temper and youngsters try others’ patience. The mother is sandwiched between the kitchen affairs and the morning requirements of the children and even their father. She is often heard cursing herself for being the mother of irresponsible children and the wife of a lazy husband who keeps shouting like children for his shaving razor or the towel. The horn of the school bus alarms everyone and then once again starts a round of accusations, arguments and counter-arguments and the children are seen running hurly-burly. With their despatch the state of normalcy is restored but the poor mother is left with enormous work to do – clothes to be washed, rooms to be cleaned and arranged because each object is removed from its place.
Directions (Questions No. 1 - 8) : Identify the kinds of pronouns of the underlined words.

1. Streets of Aizawl are narrower than those of Delhi.
   (a) Relative Pronoun (b) Indefinite Pronoun
      (c) Demonstrative Pronoun (d) Distributive Pronoun

2. They say that truth is evergreen.
   (a) Indefinite Pronoun (b) Personal Pronoun
      (c) Relative Pronoun (d) Reflexive Pronoun

3. This beautiful house is his.
   (a) Distributive Pronoun (b) Personal Pronoun
      (c) Indefinite Pronoun (d) Relative Pronoun

4. Neither of you is honest.
   (a) Indefinite Pronoun (b) Distributive Pronoun
      (c) Reflexive Pronoun (d) Demonstrative Pronoun

5. He is the one who stole my heart.
   (a) Interrogative Pronoun (b) Indefinite Pronoun
      (c) Demonstrative Pronoun (d) Relative Pronoun

6. We enjoyed ourselves very much at the concert.
   (a) Indefinite Pronoun (b) Personal Pronoun
      (c) Reflexive Pronoun (d) Demonstrative Pronoun

7. What is his social status?
   (a) Interrogative Pronoun (b) Personal Pronoun
      (c) Relative Pronoun (d) Reflexive Pronoun

8. Call in the man whose wallet has been lost.
   (a) Reflexive Pronoun (b) Relative Pronoun
      (c) Personal Pronoun (d) Interrogative Pronoun

Directions (Questions No. 9 - 16) : Choose the correct alternative which is closest in meaning to the given phrase/sentence.

9. A person who believes in God.
   (a) Monotheist (b) Atheist
      (c) Theist (d) Polytheist

10. The practice of having many wives.
    (a) Philogyny (b) Polyandry
       (c) Bigamy (d) Polygamy

11. The creator of all.
    (a) Omnific (b) Omnipoent
        (c) Omnipresent (d) Omniscient
12. A state where no law or order exists.
   (a) Amnesty   (b) Anarchy
   (c) Oligarchy (d) Outlaw

13. A thing that catches fire easily.
   (a) Brittle   (b) Combustible
   (c) Pliable   (d) Malleable

14. That which cannot be satisfied
   (a) Insatiable (b) Indelible
   (c) Infallible (d) Irritable

15. That cannot be corrected.
   (a) Indefensible (b) Irreparable
   (c) Incorrigible (d) Irrevocable

   (a) Pessimist   (b) Philanthropist
   (c) Fatalist    (d) Misanthropist

Directions (Questions No. 17 - 24) : Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words.

17. He gave me much abuse.
   (a) Verb     (b) Adverb
   (c) Noun     (d) Adjective

18. Each of them is to blame.
   (a) Noun     (b) Pronoun
   (c) Adjective (d) Adverb

19. It is a Herculean task indeed.
   (a) Noun     (b) Adverb
   (c) Adjective (d) Preposition

20. Let sleeping dogs lie.
    (a) Noun     (b) Verb
    (c) Adjective (d) Adverb

21. He failed since he had been ill.
    (a) Conjunction (b) Preposition
    (c) Adverb     (d) Adjective

22. Tell me about it.
    (a) Adverb     (b) Conjunction
    (c) Verb       (d) Preposition

23. I have but one brother.
    (a) Conjunction (b) Adverb
    (c) Preposition (d) Pronoun

24. He is both a sinner and a saint.
    (a) Adverb     (b) Conjunction
    (c) Pronoun    (d) Adjective
Directions (Questions No. 25 - 32): Analyse the following underlined Adverbial Clause and identify its kind.

25. Strike the iron while it is hot.
   (a) Adverbial Clause of Manner  (b) Adverbial Clause of Time
   (c) Adverbial Clause of Condition  (d) Adverbial Clause of Reason

26. We eat that we may live.
   (a) Adverbial Clause of Condition  (b) Adverbial Clause of Effect
   (c) Adverbial Clause of Purpose  (d) Adverbial Clause of Reason

27. You cannot pass unless you work very hard.
   (a) Adverbial Clause of Condition  (b) Adverbial Clause of Effect
   (c) Adverbial Clause of Contrast  (d) Adverbial Clause of Manner

28. As you sow, so shall you reap.
   (a) Adverbial Clause of Manner  (b) Adverbial Clause of Contrast
   (c) Adverbial Clause of Condition  (d) Adverbial Clause of Purpose

29. You cannot succeed however hard you may try.
   (a) Adverbial Clause of Effect  (b) Adverbial Clause of Reason
   (c) Adverbial Clause of Manner  (d) Adverbial Clause of Contrast

30. I will help you provided you remain grateful.
   (a) Adverbial Clause of Effect  (b) Adverbial Clause of Condition
   (c) Adverbial Clause of Purpose  (d) Adverbial Clause of Manner

31. I shall go whither I find peace.
   (a) Adverbial Clause of Place  (b) Adverbial Clause of Time
   (c) Adverbial Clause of Reason  (d) Adverbial Clause of Effect

32. As the sun appeared, the fog began to disappear.
   (a) Adverbial Clause of Effect  (b) Adverbial Clause of Reason
   (c) Adverbial Clause of Condition  (d) Adverbial Clause of Time

Directions (Questions No. 33 - 40): Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrases.

33. To have an axe to grind.
   (a) To have an ulterior motive  (b) To fail to arouse interest
   (c) To have no result  (d) To have many work to finish

34. To bury the hatchet.
   (a) To dispute over small things  (b) To destroy and bury something
   (c) To end a conflict  (d) To hide something

35. To be above board
   (a) To boast about oneself  (b) To be honest and true
   (c) To be extremely arrogant  (d) To be easily manipulated

36. At the drop of the hat
   (a) As soon as it was spoken  (b) Done easily, without hesitation
   (c) Done after giving a brief thought  (d) After something is done
37. A man of straw
   (a) A man with no means (b) A generous man
   (c) A man of character (d) A man of no substance

38. To put one’s hand to plough
   (a) To be interested in farming (b) To be involved in dangerous work
   (c) To take up difficult task (d) To participate in ploughing

39. To hit the nail right on the head
   (a) To destroy one’s reputation (b) To teach someone a lesson
   (c) To hit someone at the head (d) To do the right thing

40. To be like a cat on hot bricks
   (a) To be very nervous (b) To have a high opinion of self
   (c) To reveal a secret by mistake (d) To do something quickly

Directions (Questions No. 41 - 48) : Analyse the given sentences and choose the correct option.

41. She received the award by dint of hard work.
   (a) Complex Sentence (b) Compound Sentence
   (c) Simple Sentence (d) Adjectival Clause

42. He did not mend his ways on my advice even.
   (a) Simple Sentence (b) Complex Sentence
   (c) Adverbial Clause (d) Adjectival Clause

43. I must be punished because I am at fault.
   (a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence
   (c) Complex Sentence (d) None of these

44. I am contented with what God has given me.
   (a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence
   (c) Complex Sentence (d) None of these

45. I will help you if you are polite.
   (a) Complex Sentence (b) Compound Sentence
   (c) Adjectival Clause (d) Simple Sentence

46. Do what you like, only don’t bother me.
   (a) Simple Sentence (b) Complex Sentence
   (c) Compound Sentence (d) None of these

47. Fortunately he passed the test.
   (a) Participial Phrase (b) Complex Sentence
   (c) Compound Sentence (d) Simple Sentence

48. Everyone knows that the earth is round.
   (a) Compound Sentence (b) Complex Sentence
   (c) Adverbial Clause (d) Adjectival Clause
Directions (Questions No. 49 - 57): Fill in the blanks with the appropriate prepositions.

49. The lecture will be held right ________ the tutorial.
   (a) at  (b) before  
   (c) on  (d) in

50. We often go fishing ________ the river bank.
   (a) around  (b) along  
   (c) by  (d) across

51. There is a bridge ________ the river.
   (a) near  (b) across  
   (c) on  (d) over

52. It is dangerous to enter ________ the enemy’s camp.
   (a) in  (b) on  
   (c) by  (d) into

53. He was vexed ________ Linda for her behaviour.
   (a) at  (b) with  
   (c) upon  (d) on

54. Give an example pertinent ________ the case.
   (a) on  (b) for  
   (c) to  (d) with

55. The cottage nestled ________ woodland on one side and pasture land on the other.
   (a) along  (b) beside  
   (c) behind  (d) between

56. There is no doubt that John is very good ________ telling lies.
   (a) on  (b) at  
   (c) in  (d) about

57. Please do not interfere ________ my personal affairs.
   (a) in  (b) about  
   (c) on  (d) with

Directions (Questions No. 58 - 66): Choose the correct form of the verb.

58. Have you ever ________ abroad?
   (a) been  (b) go  
   (c) went  (d) goes

59. I don’t know who ________ the chair.
   (a) break  (b) breaks  
   (c) broke  (d) has broke

60. A team of detectives ________ coming to inspect the crime scene.
   (a) were  (b) are  
   (c) may  (d) is
61. The council ________ not unanimous on certain issues.
   (a) is  
   (b) was  
   (c) have  
   (d) were

62. Quinine ________ bitter.
   (a) tastes  
   (b) tasted  
   (c) taste  
   (d) may taste

63. Patriots ________ down their lives for their country.
   (a) lie  
   (b) lay  
   (c) lain  
   (d) lays

64. David doesn’t like ________ on Sundays.
   (a) to work  
   (b) working  
   (c) both (a) and (b) are correct  
   (d) Only (a) is correct

65. I ________ all the requirements for the job already.
   (a) have met  
   (b) am meeting  
   (c) meet  
   (d) will meet

66. Jimmy ____________ his homework before the teacher comes.
   (a) wants to do  
   (b) has to do  
   (c) needs to do  
   (d) all of these

Directions (Questions No. 67 - 75): Identify the concept expressed by each of the sentences by choosing the correct alternative.

67. May I use your mobile phone?
   (a) Possibility  
   (b) Request  
   (c) Probability  
   (d) Permission

68. May I help you?
   (a) Obligation  
   (b) Advice  
   (c) Offer  
   (d) Permission

69. You must not walk on grass.
   (a) Prohibition  
   (b) Lack of necessity  
   (c) Obligation  
   (d) Request

70. I cannot lift this heavy bag.
   (a) Condition  
   (b) Ability  
   (c) Impossibility  
   (d) Determination

71. You must stop when the traffic lights are red.
   (a) Obligation  
   (b) Prohibition  
   (c) Probability  
   (d) Request

72. Work hard lest you should fail.
   (a) Wish  
   (b) Probability  
   (c) Determination  
   (d) Condition
73. You ought to respect your elders.
   (a) Request  (b) Obligation
   (c) Command (d) Probability

74. You must complete your work by evening.
   (a) Determination (b) Probability
   (c) Command (d) Advice

75. Dare you say it is true?
   (a) Command (b) Threat
   (c) Determination (d) Possibility