

# MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF UPPER DIVISION CLERK (U.D.C.) UNDER HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, DECEMBER, 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. *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. (25)
2. Write a précis on the following passage. (25)

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.

**SECTION - B**

**(75 Marks)**

*All questions carry equal mark of 1 each. Attempt all questions.*

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

**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) Omnipotent  
(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) Incurable (d) Irrevocable
16. A person who hates mankind.  
(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 Top of Form

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