

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF
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DIVISIONAL ACCOUNTANT UNDER FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
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GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Attempt all questions.

SECTION - A
(40 Marks)

This Section should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.

1. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics: **(20)**
 - Relation between Man and the Environment.
 - Importance of Education in life.
 - Role of women in Mizo society.
 - Importance of Information Technology at the present time.

2. Read the given passages carefully and write a précis in about 1/3rd of the original. Give a suitable title of the précis. **(20)**

When we survey our lives and efforts, we soon observe that almost the whole of our actions and desires are bound up with the existence of other human beings. We notice that whole nature resembles that of the social animals. We eat food that the others have produced, wear clothes that others have made, live in houses that others have built. The greater part of our knowledge and beliefs has been passed on to us by other people through the medium of a language which others have created. Without language and mental capacities, we would have been poor indeed comparable to higher animals.

We have, therefore, to admit that we owe our principle knowledge over the least to the fact of living in human society. The individual if left alone from birth would remain primitive and beast like in his thoughts and feelings to a degree that we can hardly imagine. The individual is what he is and what has the significance that he has, not much in virtue of the individuality, but rather as a member of a great human community, which directs his material and spiritual existence from the cradle to the grave.

SECTION - B

(60 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 1-10): Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words:

1. Your harsh act will only hurt yourself.
(a) noun (b) pronoun
(c) verb (d) adjective
2. This is a Grammar of the English language.
(a) noun (b) pronoun
(c) verb (d) adjective
3. Every word of it sounds true.
(a) noun (b) pronoun
(c) verb (d) adjective
4. Laughter is the best medicine.
(a) abstract noun (b) common noun
(c) proper noun (d) collective noun
5. The crowd was dispersed by the police.
(a) abstract noun (b) common noun
(c) proper noun (d) collective noun
6. Her house is quite big for the small family.
(a) adjective (b) adverb
(c) preposition (d) conjunction
7. The Rajdhani train runs very fast.
(a) adjective (b) verb
(c) adverb (d) pronoun
8. Bravo! You have made us proud.
(a) conjunction (b) preposition
(c) adverb (d) interjection
9. The brave and the courageous will always win in the end.
(a) conjunction (b) preposition
(c) adverb (d) interjection
10. Place the balloon over the fan.
(a) conjunction (b) preposition
(c) adverb (d) interjection

Directions (Questions 11-20): Identify and choose the correct notion/concept expressed by each of the following sentences from the alternatives given:

11. It may rain tomorrow.
(a) habitual (b) purpose
(c) possibility (d) ability
12. One must always respect the elders.
(a) habitual (b) obligation
(c) possibility (d) purpose
13. Get out of the room now.
(a) order (b) request
(c) prohibition (d) duty
14. Would you kindly suggest a title for the new project.
(a) order (b) request
(c) duty (d) purpose
15. They usually travel to Chennai by train.
(a) condition (b) habitual
(c) purpose (d) obligation
16. He took the blame on himself to save his friend.
(a) purpose (b) obligation
(c) condition (d) habitual
17. May you be blessed with happiness and a long life.
(a) offer (b) condition
(c) purpose (d) wish
18. You must stand for what is right.
(a) advice (b) purpose
(c) condition (d) possibility
19. He came from in this scorching heat just to see you.
(a) obligation (b) purpose
(c) possibility (d) duty
20. I will come only if you invite me.
(a) purpose (b) condition
(c) advice (d) wish

Directions (Questions 21-27): Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:

21. I have not slept _____ yesterday.
(a) after (b) from
(c) since (d) on
22. The lion and the unicorn fought _____ the crown.
(a) over (b) for
(c) with (d) off

23. "Will you walk _____ my parlour?" said the spider to the fly.
(a) to (b) into
(c) from (d) over
24. They rise _____ the morning lark, and labour till almost dark.
(a) along (b) for
(c) at (d) with
25. _____ the name of God he swore.
(a) by (b) of
(c) with (d) for
26. He goes on Sunday to the church, and sits _____ his boys.
(a) before (b) after
(c) among (d) by
27. Her arms _____ her breast she laid.
(a) across (b) by
(c) over (d) above

Directions (Questions 28-34): Choose the correct conjunction from the given choices to fill in the blanks:

28. I ran fast, _____ I missed the train.
(a) so (b) therefore
(c) since (d) but
29. He finished first _____ he began late.
(a) but (b) though
(c) for (d) because
30. _____ duty calls us we must obey.
(a) Since (b) For
(c) Because (d) Unless
31. Blessed be the merciful, _____ they shall obtain mercy.
(a) but (b) so
(c) as (d) for
32. Give me the drink, _____ I shall die of thirst.
(a) for (b) else
(c) for (d) but
33. My grandfather died _____ I was born.
(a) before (b) since
(c) because (d) or
34. _____ you tell me the truth, I shall punish you.
(a) Unless (b) Since
(c) If (d) For

Directions (Questions 35-42): Identify the underlined words and choose the most appropriate answer from the following choices:

35. Hunting tigers is a favourite sport in this country.
(a) gerund (b) participle
(c) adjective (d) noun
36. Many businessmen are fond of hoarding money.
(a) noun (b) adjective
(c) gerund (d) participle
37. The swimming pool has very little water.
(a) gerund (b) participle
(c) adjective (d) adverb
38. Swimming is a good exercise.
(a) gerund (b) participle
(c) verb (d) adjective
39. They played a losing game.
(a) gerund (b) participle
(c) adverb (d) verb
40. Giving is better than receiving.
(a) gerund (b) participle
(c) verb (d) adverb
41. We should also bring down the standing building.
(a) gerund (b) participle
(c) adjective (d) adverb
42. What I most detest is smoking.
(a) gerund (b) participle
(c) verb (d) adverb

Directions (Questions 43-51): Analyse the following sentences and pick out the correct option:

43. Who among the two boys has better knowledge of the neighbourhood ?
(a) assertive (b) affirmative
(c) interrogative (d) negative
44. Nature is the best physician.
(a) assertive (b) negative
(c) interrogative (d) exclamatory
45. Have mercy on us.
(a) assertive (b) interrogative
(c) imperative (d) exclamatory
46. Daphne is the tallest girl in her class.
(a) assertive (b) interrogative
(c) comparative (d) exclamatory

47. How very cold the night is!
(a) assertive (b) interrogative
(c) imperative (d) exclamatory
48. May you have all the joy and peace that the world can give.
(a) assertive (b) interrogative
(c) imperative (d) exclamatory
49. You cannot have all the riches and wealth.
(a) assertive (b) negative
(c) imperative (d) exclamatory
50. Today is a fine day.
(a) assertive (b) imperative
(c) negative (d) exclamatory
51. Shut the door at once.
(a) assertive (b) interrogative
(c) imperative (d) exclamatory

Directions (Questions 52-60): Fill in with the most suitable verb form that agrees with the subject from the given choices:

52. The quality of the mangoes _____ not good.
(a) are (b) were
(c) was
53. If it were possible to get near when one of the volcanic eruptions _____ place, we should see a grand sight.
(a) take (b) takes
(c) taking
54. Fire and water _____ not agree.
(a) do (b) does
(c) was
55. The horse and carriage _____ at the door.
(a) are (b) were
(c) is
56. Neither praise nor blame _____ to affect him.
(a) seem (b) seems
(c) seeming
57. Physics _____ a branch of Science.
(a) is (b) are
(c) were
58. The Committee _____ divided on one minor point.
(a) is (b) are
(c) was

59. The Arabian Nights _____ still a great favourite.
(a) is (b) are
(c) were
60. Three parts of the business _____ left for me to do.
(a) is (b) are
(c) were

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