

**MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**TECHNICAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR LABORATORY ASSISTANT**  
**UNDER COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT,**  
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**GENERAL ENGLISH**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100

*Attempt all questions.*

**SECTION - A**  
**(20 Marks)**

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

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics:
  - Science and its benefits to man.
  - Importance of Education in the development of society.
  - Health is Wealth.

**SECTION - B**  
**(80 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. You are hurting yourself by your own actions.
  - (a) noun
  - (b) pronoun
  - (c) verb
  - (d) adjective
2. These are Afghan carpets.
  - (a) noun
  - (b) pronoun
  - (c) verb
  - (d) adjective
3. Every word of it sounds true.
  - (a) noun
  - (b) pronoun
  - (c) verb
  - (d) adjective
4. The class was quite today.
  - (a) abstract noun
  - (b) common noun
  - (c) proper noun
  - (d) collective noun

5. The whole society is engaged in cleaning the Brahmaputra.  
(a) abstract noun (b) common noun  
(c) proper noun (d) collective noun
6. Her house is too big for the small family.  
(a) adjective (b) adverb  
(c) preposition (d) conjunction
7. The Rajdhani train runs fast.  
(a) adjective (b) verb  
(c) adverb (d) pronoun
8. Bravo! You did it.  
(a) conjunction (b) preposition  
(c) adverb (d) interjection
9. Truth and perseverance will prevail in the end.  
(a) conjunction (b) preposition  
(c) adverb (d) interjection
10. The plane is flying over the mountains right now.  
(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. She may come any day.  
(a) habitual (b) purpose  
(c) possibility (d) ability
12. One must always respect the elders.  
(a) habitual (b) obligation  
(c) possibility (d) purpose
13. Shut up right now.  
(a) order (b) request  
(c) prohibition (d) duty
14. Kindly help me in completing the work on time.  
(a) order (b) request  
(c) duty (d) purpose
15. She is usually early for her classes.  
(a) condition (b) habitual  
(c) purpose (d) obligation
16. The father took the blame on himself to save his child.  
(a) purpose (b) obligation  
(c) condition (d) habitual
17. May you attain success and happiness.  
(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. The crowd gathered just to get a glimpse of the Mahatma.  
(a) obligation (b) purpose  
(c) possibility (d) duty
20. The family is willing to repay only if you ask.  
(a) purpose (b) condition  
(c) advice (d) wish

**Directions (Questions 21 - 30) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:**

21. It has been raining \_\_\_\_\_ morning.  
(a) after (b) from  
(c) since (d) on
22. The husband and wife fought \_\_\_\_\_ the child.  
(a) over (b) for  
(c) with (d) off
23. It is dangerous to walk \_\_\_\_\_ a lion's den.  
(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. They swore \_\_\_\_\_ the name of God.  
(a) by (b) of  
(c) with (d) for
26. He is famous \_\_\_\_\_ his friends.  
(a) before (b) after  
(c) among (d) by
27. The dead buffalo laid \_\_\_\_\_ the road.  
(a) across (b) by  
(c) over (d) above
28. The leaves of trees fall \_\_\_\_\_ in autumn.  
(a) from (b) of  
(c) off (d) on

**Directions (Questions 29 - 39) : Read the given passages carefully and complete the sentences as required from the choices that follow.**

Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. It is fitting that at this solemn moment we take the pledge of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity.

At the dawn of history India started on her unending quest, and trackless centuries are filled with her striving and the grandeur of her success and her failures. Through good and ill fortune alike she has never lost sight of that quest or forgotten the ideals which gave her strength. We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers herself again. The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. Are we brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future?

Freedom and power bring responsibility. That responsibility rests upon this Assembly, a sovereign body representing the sovereign people of India. Before the birth of freedom we have ensured all the pains of labour and our hearts are heavy with the memory of this sorrow. Some of those pains continue even now. Nevertheless, the past is over and it is the future that beckons us now. That future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving so that we may fulfill the pledges we have so often taken and the one we shall take today. The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer. It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity. The ambition of the greatest man of our generation has been to wipe every tear from every eye. That may be beyond us, but as long as there are tears and suffering, so long our work will not be over.

*- Jawaharlal Nehru*

29. The nearest meaning for the words 'we made a tryst with destiny' is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) promise with fate
  - (b) make a secret deal with freedom that is destined for us
  - (c) secretly sign a pact
30. The nearest meaning for the words 'at the stroke of the midnight hour' is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) exactly at midnight hour
  - (b) sometime before midnight
  - (c) soon after midnight
31. The nearest meaning for the words 'when the world sleeps' is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) a time when people around the world are sleeping
  - (b) people are quiet
  - (c) no one around
32. \_\_\_\_\_ 'when we step out from the old to the new' means \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) the soul long suppressed find utterance
  - (b) leave the old for new
  - (c) exchange new for old
33. \_\_\_\_\_ 'we take the pledge of dedication' means \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) we promise
  - (b) we dedicate ourselves
  - (c) we take a solemn oath to dedicate ourselves to the service of the country

34. \_\_\_\_\_ 'at the dawn of history' means \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) as history begins (b) new period in history begins  
(c) to start a new history
35. 'India discovers herself again' means \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) India finds herself again (b) India attains independence  
(c) India meets her destiny
36. According to the author, 'the service of India' consist in \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) the service of the millions who suffer  
(b) ending poverty and ignorance, disease and inequality of opportunity  
(c) both (a) and (b)
37. The ideals which India has never forgotten are \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) freedom and fight for the cause of humanity  
(b) unending quest  
(c) service of India and her people
38. The responsibility of freedom and power are \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) the service of millions who suffer (b) wipe every tear from every eye  
(c) both (a) and (b)
39. The line that has a direct reference to Mahatma Gandhi is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) The ambition of the greatest man of our generation  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_ so long our work will not be over  
(c) The service to India means the service of the millions who suffer

**Directions (Questions 40 - 48) : Analyse the given sentences and choose the correct answer from the options given.**

40. The children slept when the journey ended.  
(a) Compound sentence (b) Complex sentence  
(c) Simple Sentence
41. Walk quickly else you will not overtake them.  
(a) Compound (b) Complex  
(c) Simple
42. I called him, but he gave me no answer.  
(a) Compound (b) Complex  
(c) Simple
43. They always talk who never think.  
(a) Compound (b) Complex  
(c) Simple
44. Everything comes, if a man will only work and wait.  
(a) Simple (b) Compound  
(c) Complex
45. Caesar was stabbed by Brutus.  
(a) Active form (b) Passive form  
(c) Negative

46. Who taught you grammar?  
(a) Active form (b) Passive form  
(c) Negative
47. The boys had not finished the game by sunset.  
(a) Simple (b) Compound  
(c) Complex
48. I am as strong as you are.  
(a) Simple (b) Compound  
(c) Complex

**Directions (Questions 49 - 57) : Fill in with the most suitable verb form that agrees with the subject from the given choices:**

49. The quality of the mangoes \_\_\_\_\_ not good.  
(a) are (b) were  
(c) was
50. 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
51. Fire and water \_\_\_\_\_ not agree.  
(a) do (b) does  
(c) was
52. The horse and carriage \_\_\_\_\_ at the door.  
(a) are (b) were  
(c) is
53. Neither praise nor blame \_\_\_\_\_ to affect him.  
(a) seem (b) seems  
(c) seeming
54. Physics \_\_\_\_\_ a branch of Science.  
(a) is (b) are  
(c) were
55. The Committee \_\_\_\_\_ divided on one minor point.  
(a) is (b) are  
(c) was
56. The Arabian Nights \_\_\_\_\_ still a great favourite.  
(a) is (b) are  
(c) were
57. Three parts of the business \_\_\_\_\_ left for me to do.  
(a) is (b) are  
(c) were

**Directions (Questions 58 - 66) : Analyse the following sentences and pick out the correct answer from the options provided:**

58. Who do you think can do the task better?  
(a) Assertive (b) affirmative  
(c) interrogative (d) negative
59. Parents provide the best for the children.  
(a) Assertive (b) negative  
(c) interrogative (d) exclamatory
60. Do pardon us for the wrongs we have inflicted on you.  
(a) Assertive (b) Interrogative  
(c) imperative (d) exclamatory
61. Thoibi is the tallest girl in her class.  
(a) Assertive (b) interrogative  
(c) comparative (d) exclamatory
62. How disgusting is the crime scene!  
(a) Assertive (b) interrogative  
(c) imperative (d) exclamatory
63. May you have all the joy and peace that the world can give.  
(a) Assertive (b) interrogative  
(c) imperative (d) exclamatory
64. You cannot have all the riches and wealth.  
(a) Assertive (b) negative  
(c) imperative (d) exclamatory
65. People mostly love to have an ice-cream on a hot and sunny day.  
(a) Assertive (b) imperative  
(c) negative (d) exclamatory
66. Shut the door at once.  
(a) Assertive (b) interrogative  
(c) imperative (d) exclamatory

**Directions (67 - 80) : Choose the nearest meaning of the idioms and phrases given in italics from the choices provided.**

67. At the moment *my hands are full*.  
(a) have many things in my hands (b) I am very busy  
(c) my hands are weak (d) my hands cannot hold anything
68. Tarun's house is *put on the market*.  
(a) located at a market (b) situated near the market  
(c) has view of the market (d) offered for sale
69. She sometimes reads 6 hours *at a stretch*.  
(a) only (b) without any stretch  
(c) rapidly (d) continuously

70. It goes to his heart to see much misery.  
(a) touches him deeply (b) has heart attack  
(c) his heart is weak (d) has a strong heart
71. They will surely come to grief if they follow his advice.  
(a) be joyous (b) be ruined  
(c) be merry (d) be great
72. My friend's family shall be going, bag and baggage in their next transfer.  
(a) with lots of belongings (b) with many bags  
(c) with all belongings (d) with a bag and a baggage.
73. The boy appears to have an old head on young shoulder.  
(a) to be mad (b) to think deeply  
(c) to be wise beyond his years (d) to be so stupid for his years
74. When pigs fly she'll tidy up her room.  
(a) soon (b) something that will never happen  
(c) when encouraged (d) when warned
75. He tried his hand at farming.  
(a) used his hands (b) made an attempt  
(c) was good (d) was not successful
76. He lost the elections, but put a good face on.  
(a) became brave (b) put on a good show  
(c) bore up courageously (d) put a make up on the face
77. Tana's adversaries moved heaven and earth to get him dismissed.  
(a) shook heaven and earth (b) put some effort  
(c) prayed (d) made every possible effort
78. The bank won't accept the guarantee of a man of straw.  
(a) a man of no substance (b) a thin man  
(c) a man who is fat (d) a cunning man
79. You can trust him; he is a man of his words.  
(a) a person who keep his words (b) a man who lies  
(c) a trustworthy man (d) a man who speaks a lot
80. Always beware of that wolf in sheep's clothing.  
(a) hypocrite (b) liar  
(c) brute (d) monster