

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TECHNICAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF LIBRARIAN UNDER HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, 2014.

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

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 topic in not more than 300 words:
- Role of Information Technology on Human Health

SECTION – B

(80 Marks)

*All questions carry equal marks of 2 each. Attempt all questions.
This Section should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet provided.*

Directions (Questions 1 - 8): Indicate the correct meaning of the given idioms and phrases:

1. To blow over
(a) To increase
(b) To pass off
(c) To be looked into
(d) To be taken care of
2. Blue-eyed boys
(a) Royal children
(b) Young boys
(c) Foreigners
(d) Favourites
3. By hook or by crook
(a) In a completely insane manner
(b) In whatever way one can
(c) Being evil and destructive
(d) To be very tenacious
4. To bank upon
(a) To accumulate
(b) Consequent upon
(c) To guess
(d) To depend upon
5. Fair crack of the whip
(a) To go out for a walk
(b) To get a fair chance
(c) To get unexpected success
(d) To be routed

6. Cloak and dagger
(a) Involving intrigue (b) To become very weak
(c) Family feud (d) Fond of hunting
7. At sixes and sevens
(a) In active mood (b) In time
(c) In dispute (d) In disorder
8. In the long run
(a) Generally (b) Usually
(c) Eventually (d) Occasionally

Directions (Questions 9 - 14): Read the following passage carefully and choose the best answer to each of the questions out of the four alternatives:

One of the most serious problems confronting our country is that of a fast growing population. In fact it is at the root of many other problems. At the moment, thanks to planning, we are able to produce food and cloth sufficient for our people and even in some excess. But if the population continues to grow at this rate, it will not be long before the surplus turns into a bare minimum and even a deficit. The position in regard to accommodation is even now far from satisfactory in spite of our efforts.

9. "It is at the root of many other problems" means that
(a) it is found along many other problems (b) it is caused by many other problems
(c) it gives rise to many other problems (d) it is buried under many other problems
10. The present satisfactory position in regard to food and cloth is due to
(a) the fact that population has been controlled (b) good luck
(c) good rainfall (d) our economic planning
11. If the population of India continues to increase at this rate, the situation in regard to food and cloth is likely to
(a) remain the same (b) become less satisfactory
(c) improve (d) vary up and down
12. The situation in respect of accommodation is
(a) less than satisfactory (b) quite satisfactory
(c) improving rapidly (d) the result of total neglect
13. At present Indians have
(a) more provision for cloth than for accommodation
(b) less provision for accommodation than for cloth
(c) abundance of cloth and accommodation
(d) scarcity of cloth and accommodation
14. The passage refers to our country
(a) solving serious problems (b) lacking serious problems
(c) being confronted by serious problems (d) displaying her skill

Directions (Questions 15 - 19): Fill in the blanks with correct Prepositions:

15. I should not spend money ___ luxuries.
(a) of (b) on
(c) in (d) onto
16. I do not belong ___ any political party.
(a) to (b) with
(c) into (d) by
17. He was accused ___ the theft.
(a) in (b) at
(c) from (d) of
18. There is something sweet ___ her.
(a) about (b) above
(c) over (d) by
19. The poor child was found ___ tears.
(a) from (b) up
(c) of (d) in

Directions (Questions 20 - 24): Fill in the blanks with the correct words/phrases:

20. I should do the same if I ___ in your place.
(a) was (b) were
(c) am (d) will be
21. He was ___ for murder.
(a) hung (b) hanging
(c) hanged (d) hunged
22. ___ of these two books will do for me.
(a) None (b) Some
(c) Any (d) Either
23. He ___ the bank for a loan.
(a) approached (b) applied
(c) acquired (d) asked
24. The boat ___ throwing us into the river .
(a) turned on (b) turned up
(c) turned down (d) turned over

Directions (Questions 25 - 29): Identify the notion/concept expressed by each of the following sentences:

25. How are you?
(a) Informal greeting (b) Neutral greeting
(c) Formal greeting (d) Both (b) and (c)
26. I'd like to stretch my legs for a bit.
(a) Wish (b) Apology
(c) Suggestion (d) Both (a) and (c)
27. How interesting!
(a) Assimilation (b) Surprise
(c) Confirmation (d) None of these
28. There's no need to.
(a) Response to apology (b) Response to request for information
(c) Response to suggestion (d) Both (a) and (b)
29. You may be getting late.
(a) Advice (b) Closing
(c) Regret (d) None of these

Directions (Questions 30 - 35): Analyse the given sentences and choose the correct option:

30. All that glitters is not gold.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence
31. A stitch in time saves nine.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence
32. A bad workman quarrels with his tools.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence
33. Many are called but few are chosen.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence
34. Where he is going is not known to me.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence
35. He as well as you is guilty.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence

Directions (Questions 36 - 40): Pick the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentences:

36. I am monarch of all I survey.

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adjective clause
- (c) Adverb clause
- (d) Co-ordinate clause

37. My belief is that she is innocent.

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adjective clause
- (c) Adverb clause
- (d) Co-ordinate clause

38. Think before you speak.

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adjective clause
- (c) Adverb clause
- (d) Co-ordinate clause

39. She called at my house but left soon after.

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adjective clause
- (c) Adverb clause
- (d) Co-ordinate clause

40. Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown.

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adjective clause
- (c) Adverb clause
- (d) Co-ordinate clause

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