

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF
GEOLOGIST JUNIOR UNDER COMMERCE & INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, AUGUST, 2023

GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Marks for each question is indicated against it.
Attempt all questions

1. Write an essay choosing one of the topics given below: (25)
- Natural calamities – How far are we responsible?
 - The impact of earthquakes on society and economy.
 - Religion and Politics.

2. Make a précis of the following in one-third of its original length. (15)

Many people believe that science and religion are contrary to each other. But this notion is wrong. As a matter of fact, both are complementary to each other. The aim of both these institutions is to explain different aspects of life, universe and human existence. There is no doubt that the methods of science and religion are different. The method of science is observation, experimentation and experience. Science takes its recourse to progressive march towards perfection, the rules of religion are faith, intuition and spoken word of the enlightened, in general, while science is inclined towards reason and rationality, spiritualism is the essence of religion.

In earlier times when man appeared on earth, he was over-awed at the sight of violent and powerful aspects of nature. In certain cases, the usefulness of different natural objects of nature overwhelmed man. Thus began the worship of forces of nature—fire, the sun, the river, the rocks, the trees, the snakes, etc. The holy scriptures were written by those who had developed harmony between external nature and their inner self.

Their object was to ennoble, elevate and liberate the human spirit and mind. But the priestly class took upon itself the monopoly of scriptural knowledge and interpretation to its own advantage. Thus, the entire human race was in chains. Truth was flouted and progressive, liberal and truthful ideas or ideas expressing doubt and skepticism were suppressed and their holders punished.

It was in these trying circumstances the science emerged as a savior of mankind. But its path was not smooth and safe. The scientists and free thinkers were tortured. This was the fate of Copernicus, Galileo, Bruno and others. But, by and by Science gained ground.

3. As Mr. A, write a letter to the editor of Vanglaini, a local newspaper, drawing attention to unsafe sewage management system in your locality which poses landslide risks. (15)

OR

Draft a letter to the Principal of XXX college seeking his co-operation in organizing an awareness program on mitigation of natural disaster at their college. Do not reveal your identity.



4. Make sentences with any seven of the following idioms and phrases: (7×2=14)
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| (a) At the spur of the moment | (b) Bear the brunt of |
| (c) Chip of the old block | (d) Rank and file |
| (e) Throw a spanner | (f) Part and parcel |
| (g) Rock the boat | (h) In doldrums |
| (i) Kith and kin | (j) Herculean task |

5. Expand the idea contained in any three of the following sentences: (3×5=15)
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| (a) Ability is nothing without opportunity | (b) Deeds always speak louder than words |
| (c) A little knowledge is a dangerous thing | (d) Might is right |
| (e) As you sow , so shall you leap | |

6. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

A complete reading program, therefore, should include four factors: at least one good book each week, a newspaper or news magazine, magazines of comment and interpretation, and book reviews. If you keep feeding your intelligence with these four foods, you can be sure that your brain cells will be properly nourished. To this must be added the digestive process that comes from your thinking and from discussion with individuals or groups. It is often desirable to make books that you own personally part of your mind by underlining or by marking in the margin the more important statements. This will help you to understand the book as you first read it, because out of the mass details you must have selected the essential ideas. It will help you to remember better the gist of the book, since the physical act of underlining, with your eyes on the page, tends to put the thought more firmly into your brain cells. It will save time whenever you need to refer to the book.

Above all, never forget that creative intelligence is correlation of facts and ideas, not mere memorizing. What counts is what you can do with your knowledge, by linking it with other things you have studied or observed. If you read Plutarch's life of Julius Caesar, think how his rise to political power paralleled the technique of Adolf Hitler or that of your local political boss. If you read a play by Shakespeare, think how his portrayal of the characters helps you to understand someone you know.

In everything you read, keep at the back of your mind what it means to your life here and now, how it supports or challenges the things you were taught in school, in church and at home, and how the wisdom you get from books can guide you in your thinking, in your career, in your voting as a citizen and in your personal morals.

Questions :

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| (a) What are the four things required for a complete reading program and why? | (3) |
| (b) What else is required to feed your intelligence? | (3) |
| (c) Why does the writer recommend underlining or marking in the margin the more important statements? | (3) |
| (d) What use can you put your knowledge to? | (3) |
| (e) How can what you learn from books help you in your life? | (3) |
| (f) Find a word in the passage which is similar in meaning to <u>comprehend</u> . | (1) |

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GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 2 hours

Full Marks : 100

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

Directions (Questions No. 1 - 10) : Choose the correct Parts of Speech from the options given. Follow the instructions for each question.

1. This is a depressing time to be living in London as people are arguing over the election.
(a) Interjection (b) Adjective
(c) Adverb (d) Verb
2. Take your first left then go over the bridge.
(a) Noun (b) Preposition
(c) Verb (d) Adverb
3. There is a party next week though I don't think I can go.
(a) Preposition (b) Conjunction
(c) Adverb (d) Verb
4. The music I listen to everyday cannot be retrieved.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
5. The children as well as adults are having Pizza today.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
6. My teacher asked me to complete the work tomorrow.
(a) Noun (b) adverb
(c) adjective (d) preposition
7. The red car keys that you lost yesterday are on the table in the corner.
(a) Verb (b) Conjunction
(c) Preposition (d) Interjection
8. Hey! You are standing on my foot.
(a) Preposition (b) Conjunction
(c) Interjection (d) Noun
9. They are playing for the entertainment.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adverb
10. It is more expensive to travel on Friday, so I will leave on Thursday evening.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Conjunction



Directions (Questions No. 11 - 20) : Identify the type of Imperative sentences and pick out the correct answer from the given types.

11. Do not touch me.
(a) Request (b) Warning
(c) Advice (d) Invitation
12. Close the door just now.
(a) Invitation (b) Advice
(c) Command (d) Warning
13. Try to do your work on time.
(a) A warning (b) Instruction
(c) Command (d) Advice
14. Let us go for an evening walk.
(a) Command (b) Proposal
(c) Invitation (d) Request
15. Please do the needful before anyone comes to know.
(a) Command (b) Proposal
(c) Invitation (d) Request
16. Go straight ahead and take the right turn.
(a) Invitation (b) Instruction
(c) Proposal (d) Command
17. Keep yourselves neat and tidy.
(a) Advice (b) Proposal
(c) Invitation (d) Warning
18. Come to the wedding reception of our sister.
(a) Order (b) Proposal
(c) Instruction (d) Invitation
19. Get out of my way.
(a) Command (b) Proposal
(c) Advice (d) Warning
20. No smoking in this area.
(a) Proposal (b) Prohibition
(c) Advice (d) Command

Directions (Questions No. 21 - 30) : Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs given in brackets. Select answer from the given options.

21. The doctor told him to stop _____ (smoke) and take a trip.
(a) smoke (b) smokes
(c) smoked (d) smoking
22. I have decided _____ (study) more and improve my overall average.
(a) studies (b) studied
(c) to study (d) to studies
23. They _____ (come) here next week to visit my office.
(a) are coming (b) will comes
(c) comes (d) coming



24. Would you mind _____ (open) the window, please? It's hot here.
(a) to open (b) opening
(c) opens (d) opened
25. He usually _____ (do) his homework in his room.
(a) do (b) does
(c) is doing (d) done
26. Lalita _____ (weep) loudly on her cousin's demise.
(a) wept (b) weep
(c) is weeping (d) are weeping
27. Her boss _____ (fall) asleep while she was giving a presentation.
(a) falls (b) fell
(c) is falling (d) is fallen
28. Rain _____ (be) the most significant source of water.
(a) is (b) will be
(c) being (d) will have been
29. Firoz _____ (has) his breakfast. Then he left for meeting.
(a) has (b) had
(c) will have (d) is having
30. Samaira was kitting when I _____ (go) to the office.
(a) go (b) went
(c) gone (d) will go

Directions (Questions No. 31 - 40) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition provided at the end of each question.

31. The governess distributed chocolates _____ the two brothers.
(a) among (b) between
(c) for (d) of
32. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was born _____ 23rd January.
(a) on (b) at
(c) by (d) of
33. The cat jumped _____ the table to the sofa.
(a) above (b) off
(c) from (d) of
34. Mary has known Penelope _____ she was a baby girl.
(a) for (b) since
(c) from (d) in
35. I was stunned _____ her graceful performance.
(a) with (b) at
(c) by (d) of
36. Did you know Mr. Timons has been suffering _____ tuberculosis for two years?
(a) with (b) from
(c) of (d) by



37. Jenny was being impolite _____ everyone at the party.
(a) to (b) with
(c) at (d) by
38. Priya's house is _____ Rahul's.
(a) after (b) besides
(c) in front (d) next to
39. The dog ran _____ the street while the car was coming from the opposite direction.
(a) across (b) into
(c) at (d) within
40. The peon will come _____ the afternoon.
(a) by (b) in
(c) for (d) of

Directions (Questions No. 41 - 50) : Analyze the following sentences and indicate the kind of each.

41. The train leaves every day at 18 hours.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
42. The dress which you are wearing is expensive.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
43. I and my sister don't see each other anymore.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
44. She couldn't hear you because the radio was on.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
45. I never wrote the letter nor did I call him.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
46. Since I believed his words I didn't ask for a proof.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
47. Some praise the work, and some praise the architect.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
48. The Rhine flows between France and Germany.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
49. I have known him for a long time, yet I have never understood him.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
50. The boy who lives in this room is a collegian.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex

Directions (Questions No. 51 - 60) : Identify the type of sentences and choose the correct one from the choices provided at the end of each.

51. Wow! What a beauty!
 (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
 (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
52. Can you please help me find my shoes?
 (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
 (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
53. What a gorgeous room!
 (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
 (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
54. I don't like to gamble, but if there's one thing, I'm willing to bet on, it's myself.
 (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
 (c) Interrogative (d) exclamatory
55. Which one is your car, blue or green?
 (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
 (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
56. That was a great match indeed!
 (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
 (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
57. Get off the car now.
 (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
 (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
58. How did you arrive so early?
 (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
 (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
59. The suspicious man took his large hat off and ran as fast as he could.
 (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
 (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
60. Kindly join us for lunch after the reception.
 (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
 (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory

Directions (Questions No. 61 - 70) : Choose the correct type of clause for the words underlined in the given sentences.

61. Call the police when you need their help.
 (a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
 (c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
62. I am sure my team will win as they have been practicing for months diligently.
 (a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
 (c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
63. The teacher hated the students who waste time.
 (a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
 (c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause



64. Whatever you do, do it with sincerity.
- (a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
65. You will live a good life as long as you think positively.
- (a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
66. You can buy whatever you need from the shop across the street.
- (a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
67. The Jeep, which is red in colour, consumes more diesel.
- (a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
68. Everyone here know that the incident is true.
- (a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
69. The building, where he lives, consists of many apartments.
- (a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
70. I worked as a cook while I was living in Bangaluru.
- (a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause

Directions (Questions No. 71 - 80) : In each of the following questions a statement has been given with underlined text. You are required to replace the underlined text with correct Idioms or phrases given in the options.

71. The Principal was very angry when he heard that boys had fought over a room sharing in the hostel.
- (a) up in arms (b) very upset
(c) a field day (d) a mare's nest
72. Mary had a bad experience in relationship in the past, now, she is in a state of confusion whether she should marry someone or not.
- (a) All at Sea (b) Wrapped one's brain around
(c) Playing ducks and drakes (d) At one's beck and call
73. Being an atheist, he differs strongly with his parents' teachings on principles and the idea of the almighty.
- (a) Call a spade a spade (b) Burn the midnight oil
(c) At loggerheads (d) Keep one at bay
74. A video call from my favourite film star on my birthday was a complete surprise.
- (a) A damp squib (b) Bolt from the blue
(c) A field day (d) A mare's nest
75. She has to begin gaining experience if she wishes to join the media industry.
- (a) Cost an arm and a leg (b) Get one's feet wet
(c) Cross one's T's and dots (d) To sit on the fence

76. America and China own the biggest part in the investment of the top companies of the world.
 (a) Under its control (b) A damp squib
 (c) Lion's share (d) A mare's nest
77. The point of argument between the two brothers is the ancestral property of their forefathers.
 (a) Breakdown (b) Reaped the harvest
 (c) Gained ground (d) Bond of contention
78. A large crowd was anticipated for the art exhibition by the organisers, but it did not happen.
 (a) Breakdown (b) A house of cards
 (c) On the cards (d) Keep up with
79. She is extremely happy, since she heard the news of her destination engagement.
 (a) Boil the ocean (b) Blow hot and cold
 (c) Cut corners (d) On cloud nine
80. Hamis is of the opinion that he can do without other's help for his new business.
 (a) Crack a deal (b) plough a lonely furrow
 (c) Blow hot and cold (d) Cut corners

Directions (Questions No. 81 - 90) : Choose the correct alternative which is closest in meaning to the given sentence.

81. My grandfather was a farmer and he _____ three acres of land.
 (a) cultivated (b) advanced
 (c) grown (d) cultured
82. The _____ in the room was overpowering, making it difficult to breathe.
 (a) cent (b) sent
 (c) scent (d) ascent
83. "Eleven candidates _____ for today's interview."
 (a) turned over (b) turned up
 (c) turned down (d) turned out
84. When it started to rain, the children took shelter in a _____ hut.
 (a) close (b) nearly
 (c) near (d) nearby
85. Joe Biden beats _____ president Donald Trump.
 (a) incumbent (b) holder
 (c) bearer (d) occupant
86. Some people _____ themselves into believing that they are indispensable to the institution they work for.
 (a) keep (b) fool
 (c) delude (d) denigrate
87. A cup of water was enough to _____ his thirst.
 (a) satisfy (b) quench
 (c) appease (d) extinguish
88. I should have stopped the thief then and there. But it never even _____ to me that I should.
 (a) suggested (b) occurred
 (c) reminded (d) happened



89. She had better _____ the room.
 (a) enter (b) request
 (c) move (d) call
90. The strike in the paper mill has resulted in a _____ loss.
 (a) commendable (b) voluminous
 (c) colossal (d) comprehensive

Directions (Questions No. 91 - 100) : Choose the correct one-word substitutes from the choices provided for the following group of words.

91. A hater of knowledge and learning.
 (a) Bibliophile (b) Philologist
 (c) Misogynist (d) Misologist
92. Commencement of words with the same letter.
 (a) Pun (b) Alliteration
 (c) transferred epithet (d) Oxymoron
93. A lady's umbrella is
 (a) Parasol (b) Granary
 (c) Epitaph (d) Aviary
94. A person who loves everybody:
 (a) Cosmopolitan (b) Fratricide
 (c) Altruistic (d) Aristocrat
95. A disease which spread by contact:
 (a) incurable (b) infactious
 (c) contagious (d) fatal
96. International destruction of racial groups:
 (a) Matricide (b) Regicide
 (c) Genocide (d) Homicide
97. Custom of having many wives:
 (a) Misogamy (b) Bigamy
 (c) Polygamy (d) Monogamy
98. One who has good taste for food:
 (a) Gourmet (b) Curator
 (c) Parasite (d) Stoic
99. That which cannot be avoided:
 (a) Inevitable (b) Irreparable
 (c) Incomparable (d) Indisputable
100. Group of stars:
 (a) Orbit (b) Constellation
 (c) Solar system (d) Comet

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