

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO
JUNIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM SECRETARIAT SERVICE (M.S.S)
UNDER GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM. FEBRUARY -2022

PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100 PM : 40

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

SECTION - A
(60 Marks)

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

1. Write an essay on any *one (1)* of the following: (25)
 - Mizo Women in the Workplace
 - Saving Planet Earth
 - Covid-19 Lockdowns- Pros and Cons

2. Write a Precis of the given passage, in one-third of its original length, and giving it a suitable title. (15)

Celebrity worship syndrome (CWS) is an obsessive addictive disorder in which a person becomes overly involved with the details of a celebrity's personal and professional life. Psychologists have indicated that though many people obsess over film, television, sport and pop stars, the only common factor between them is that they are all figures in the public eye.

This admiration is linked to a celebrity's ability to capture the attention of their fans.. An example of a typical celebrity worship syndrome attitude would be "My friends and I like to discuss what my favorite celebrity has done." It may also be seen in the form of obsessively following celebrities on social media, although considered the lowest level of celebrity worship. It has been seen to have a number of negative effects with regards to the development of unhealthy eating tendencies, poor body image and low self-esteem especially in young adolescents. This can be supported by a study carried out on a group of female adolescents between the ages of (17–20).

Celebrity worship syndrome can lead to the manifestation of unhealthy tendencies such as materialism and compulsive buying, which can be supported by a study carried out by several researchers. The results of this study link high rates of celebrity worship to high rates of materialism and compulsive buying. Fans exhibit an unhealthy tendency to appear as close as possible with the celebrities they admire, which can lead them to buying apparel and products endorsed by these celebrities. The desire to emulate and copy these celebrities and their lifestyle often leads fans into debt, as they try to buy into these celebrities' lifestyles.

While a certain amount of celebrity-worship is normal, considering their talent, an unhealthy obsession with celebrities can have, as these studies have found, a very detrimental effect on fans as they try to emulate celebrities' appearance and lifestyle, leading to unhealthy body images and accumulation of material products.

3. As the Secretary of your local Sports Council, draft a letter to the Chairman of your Municipality asking for funding to help improve your local sports club with sports equipments. Mention the equipments needed, their approximate cost and how they are to be utilized. (20)

SECTION - B
(40 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. 1-10): Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form from the choices given below.

1. It _____ when I left the house this morning.
(a) rained (c) was raining
(b) rains (d) had rained
2. We _____ a lot of crops due to the recent floods.
(a) are losing (c) lose
(b) have lost (d) have been losing
3. The teacher _____ to see you right now.
(a) is wanting (c) wanted
(b) want (d) wants
4. We _____ in this apartment for seven years now.
(a) stayed (c) have stayed
(b) have been staying (d) are staying
5. _____ you take the money that was inside my locker?
(a) Did (c) Do
(b) Have (d) Are
6. It is with great pleasure that I _____ the winners of this tournament.
(a) declare (c) am declaring
(b) have declared (d) had declared
7. She brings me flowers everytime she _____ to my house.
(a) comes (c) came
(b) is coming (d) has come
8. Did you _____ the homework that was given to you?
(a) completed (c) completes
(b) complete (d) have completed

9. They _____ my favourite song on the radio.
(a) play (c) have played
(b) plays (d) are playing
10. I _____ you look beautiful in that dress.
(a) am thinking (c) think
(b) thinks (d) have thought

Directions (Questions No. 11-20): Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition/ conjunction given in the choices below).

11. They have built a bridge _____ the river.
(a) onto (c) above
(b) over (d) on
12. Work hard _____ you may fail
(a) if (c) lest
(b) until (d) whereas
13. The police promised to look _____ the matter of the theft.
(a) into (c) upon
(b) up (d) for
14. The property was divided _____ the two brothers.
(a) among (c) between
(b) into (d) with
15. He has committed a crime, _____ he must be punished.
(a) for (c) because
(b) yet (d) hence
16. They have accused me _____ taking the money.
(a) of (c) for
(b) by (d) with
17. He succeeded _____ of hard work.
(a) since (c) despite
(b) inspite (d) by dint of
18. We all depend _____ him for our livelihood.
(a) unto (c) upon
(b) for (d) upto
19. I shall call _____ you when I come to your city.
(a) for (c) on
(b) at (d) to

20. He failed _____ his best efforts.
- (a) despite (c) in spite
(b) because (d) unless

Directions (Questions No. 21-30): Substitute the best word-substitute of the words in italics from the choices given below.

21. Johny gives such excellent speeches; he is a *born speaker*.
- (a) speaker (c) flautist
(b) orator (d) connoisseur
22. He and I are *in accordance* regarding the matter.
- (a) agreement (c) disagreement
(b) conflict (d) contrary
23. Mark is the kind of person who always looks to *the bright side of things*.
- (a) pessimist (c) realist
(b) pragmatist (d) optimist
24. The new recruit was a *vigilant* young man.
- (a) dishonest (c) hard working
(b) watchful (d) violent
25. You may be an expert in Computers but you're *an amateur* at conversing with women.
- (a) a master (c) a beginner
(b) a professional (d) uninterested
26. Many modern illnesses are a result of a *sedentary* lifestyle.
- (a) unhealthy (c) inactive
(b) alcoholic (d) active
27. His *tenacity* despite opposition has led to his success.
- (a) bravery (c) confidence
(b) persistence (d) carefulness
28. I became very irritated when reading your notes because your *handwriting cannot be understood*.
- (a) indelible (c) illegible
(b) ineligible (d) inedible
29. The speaker asked if he *could be heard* by everyone in the meeting.
- (a) audible (c) edible
(b) auditory (d) affable
30. Do not wear flimsy clothing while cooking as they *can easily catch fire*.
- (a) inflammable (c) combustible
(b) compostable (d) flamenco

Directions (Questions No. 31-40): Choose the correct meaning of the Idioms and Phrases given in italics from the choices given below).

31. After the operation, the patient was *alive and kicking*.
(a) violent and aggressive (c) in a healthy condition
(b) alive but critical (d) sleeping soundly
32. The new employees set about their work *hammer and tongs*
(a) with great energy (c) in an angry manner
(b) with great violence (d) in a listless manner
33. I decided to *put my foot down* regarding the matter of the property dispute.
(a) to create disturbance (c) to refuse to yield
(b) to walk away (d) to give up
34. The circus workers had nowhere to go after their leader *kicked the bucket*
(a) to dismiss from work (c) to disown someone
(b) to die (d) to lose one's business
35. I am currently *sitting on the fence* regarding this disagreement between my two best friends.
(a) being ignorant (c) to create dissent
(b) unable to make a decision (d) to let go of a situation
36. Jean *hit the nail on the head* when she called John a nincompoop.
(a) make an accurate statement (c) to say something harmful
(b) to make an inaccurate statement (d) to be deliberately cruel
37. The enemy *took to their heels* when they saw our soldiers.
(a) assume a fighting position (c) remained steadfast
(b) went into hiding (d) ran away
38. Joel's designs are *on par* with that of the best in the industry.
(a) unparalleled (c) suffer in comparison
(b) negligible (d) of the same standard
39. Her father paid for the whole affair, despite being *a close-fisted man*.
(a) a miserly man (c) a generous man
(b) a wealthy man (d) a poor man
40. I am completely *out of sorts* after hearing the news today.
(a) unable to understand (c) to be angry
(b) to be confused (d) to be very happy