

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF JUNIOR GRADE OF MIZORAM FOREST SERVICE i.e. ASSISTANT CONSERVATION OF FOREST (ACF) UNDER ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM, 2018

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

SECTION - A

- I. Write an essay on *any 1 (one)* of the given topics: (20)
- (a) Conservation of the flora and fauna in Mizoram
 - (b) Impact of technology in Society
 - (c) Environmental Problems and its Solutions

- II. Write a précis of the following: (15)

Technology now threatens to grow into a system, functioning purely in its own interests without regard for the best interest of mankind. Symptomatic of this is the way in which technology has been driven to evolve a special technique for suggesting to man what he imagines he needs. We might eventually arrive at a stage where man, who should be the beneficiary of modern production, becomes a slave to the productive process. On the one hand, he may buy a car, a television set or a washing machine but he becomes, on the other hand, in the office, at his machine in the factory, at his drawing board, in sales – promotion, or even in the manager’s office, merely a tiny cog in a gigantic organisation. He performs his function and plays his part. The little humanity and individuality he has, must be bought at the price of living to further the aims of others. Instead of being able to participate in lively cut – and – thrust of dealing with his fellow beings, instead of handling matters that concern real people, a modern business man leads a remarkably abstract sort of life. The result is that feeling of ‘not – belonging’, so often deplored these days in public discussions. It is an inner emotion of modern man who experiences sensations of rootlessness, of belonging nowhere, who feels a stranger in his own backyard. Man’s liberation from the vagaries of nature, the basic task we attributed to technology, has now become, by a strange freak of logic, man’s alienation from nature. And what in its beginning seemed destined to exert a humanising influence on man, now turns out to be brutalising him.

SECTION - B

All questions carry equal marks of 1 each. Attempt all questions.

This Section should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet provided.

Directions (Questions 1-10): Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verb given.

1. The policeman _____ the thief red-handed.
(a) catch (b) caught
(c) is caught (d) catching
2. I do not think I _____ be able to go.
(a) will (b) may
(c) would (d) shall
3. The whole day yesterday, the boys _____ to the cricket commentary.
(a) listen (b) will listen
(c) has listened (d) listened
4. I wish you _____ tell me earlier.
(a) would (b) could
(c) shall (d) will
5. After _____ into the bus we discovered that we had boarded the wrong one.
(a) got (b) get
(c) getting (d) had got
6. You _____ to pay your debts.
(a) must (b) should
(c) ought (d) will
7. Last week some wicked people _____ brown sugar into the town but they were arrested.
(a) smuggled (b) smuggle
(c) have smuggled (d) are smuggling
8. Students _____ get up early.
(a) must (b) shall
(c) should (d) would
9. In the morning, he _____ a torn shirt but in the evening he changed it.
(a) is put on (b) had put on
(c) has put on (d) was put on
10. I thought he _____ at home.
(a) will (b) shall
(c) might (d) would

Directions (Questions 11-20): Identify the part of speech of the underlined words/sentence.

11. Let us move on.
(a) verb (b) adverb
(c) conjunction (d) preposition
12. The man wears a green coat.
(a) noun (b) adjective
(c) adverb (d) verb
13. They did a fine work.
(a) noun (b) verb
(c) pronoun (d) preposition
14. I ran fast but missed the bus.
(a) conjunction (b) preposition
(c) adverb (d) pronoun
15. The patient has not eaten since yesterday.
(a) preposition (b) verb
(c) adjective (d) adverb
16. Rachel want to go to a university in the United States.
(a) adjective (b) preposition
(c) noun (d) pronoun
17. Ah! What a sight.
(a) preposition (b) interjection
(c) pronoun (d) conjunction
18. I'm sure I've met your parents before.
(a) verb (b) adverb
(c) interjection (d) pronoun
19. Andy knocked on the door but nobody answered.
(a) adverb (b) adjective
(c) conjunction (d) interjection
20. After lunch let's go out for a coffee.
(a) pronoun (b) preposition
(c) verb (d) adjective

Directions (Questions 21-30): Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition.

21. The thief entered the house _____ the window.
(a) by (b) on
(c) through (d) into
22. You must abide _____ the rules of the organisation.
(a) to (b) by
(c) with (d) on

23. There is no unity _____ the players.
(a) with (b) between
(c) towards (d) among
24. His illness has taken a turn _____ the worst.
(a) for (b) to
(c) of (d) on
25. The tiger jumped _____ the fence.
(a) through (b) over
(c) across (d) above
26. They sat _____ campfires and sang all night.
(a) round (b) over
(c) besides (d) through
27. Are you wearing anything _____ your cardigan?
(a) under (b) underneath
(c) below (d) by
28. He is arriving _____ the 3:30 bus.
(a) to (b) by
(c) in (d) on
29. He succumbed _____ his injuries.
(a) to (b) with
(c) for (d) in
30. She is not interested _____ buying new clothes now.
(a) to (b) for
(c) in (d) at

Directions (Questions 31-40): Which of the given alternatives best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/phrase marked in italics.

31. I told the students to *buckle down* this semester.
(a) work seriously (b) take it easy
(c) drop a subject (d) go for a vacation
32. This is a *hard nut to crack*.
(a) expensive thing (b) a difficult problem
(c) a foolish search (d) an easy question
33. Mrs. Roy *keeps an open house* on Saturday evening parties, you'll find all kinds of people there.
(a) welcomes all members (b) welcomes a select group
(c) keeps the door of the house open (d) keeps the gates open for a few people.
34. The young servant *goes about* with the old master.
(a) goes around (b) moves around
(c) adjust well (d) tries to know more about

35. The master *loves to rock the boat*.
(a) to conspire against (b) to agitate against
(c) to upset the balance (d) to create difficulties.
36. I go to the theatre *once in a blue moon*.
(a) often (b) infrequently
(c) daily (d) always
37. The Maths test was *a piece of cake*.
(a) hard (b) easy
(c) problematic (d) difficult
38. The *ball is in your court*, its up to you.
(a) your decision (b) accomplish
(c) miss the chance you have to (d) congenial
39. He was in *the doldrums* after being insulted in.
(a) low spirits (b) hilarious
(c) high spirited (d) dedicated
40. The sisters finally saw eye to eye on the matter.
(a) agreed (b) disagreed
(c) watched (d) differed

Directions (Questions 41-50): Identify the notion/concept expressed by each of the sentences.

41. It may be sunny today.
(a) habitual (b) purpose
(c) possibility (d) ability
42. One must always respect and treat the elders well.
(a) habitual (b) obligation
(c) possibility (d) purpose
43. Keep quiet.
(a) order (b) request
(c) prohibition (d) duty
44. Would you kindly come along with us.
(a) order (b) request
(c) duty (d) purpose
45. The family usually travel by air.
(a) condition (b) habitual
(c) purpose (d) obligation
46. Don't smoke please.
(a) request (b) command
(c) advice (d) duty

47. Get out.
(a) duty (b) command
(c) request (d) purpose
48. Have fun at the fair.
(a) wish (b) duty
(c) possibility (d) threat
49. Feed the fish once a day.
(a) instruction (b) obligation
(c) purpose (d) habitual
50. Do have tea with me.
(a) invitation (b) duty
(c) purpose (d) order

Directions (Questions 51-60): Choose the correct conjunction to fill in the blanks.

51. He finished first _____ he began late.
(a) but (b) though
(c) for (d) because
52. My grandfather died _____ I was born.
(a) before (b) since
(c) because (d) or
53. Come in _____ go out.
(a) and (b) or
(c) but (d) however
54. The war was lost; _____ the country was occupied.
(a) consequently (b) however
(c) otherwise (d) or
55. I started on time _____ was late.
(a) and (b) or
(c) but (d) otherwise
56. She was late, _____ the game had not started.
(a) but (b) and
(c) however (d) or
57. I was sick; _____, I did not go to work.
(a) because (b) therefore
(c) since (d) still
58. He can't go home _____ for he has no place to go.
(a) for (b) so
(c) and (d) however

59. He has car, _____ he can't drive it.
(a) therefore (b) yet
(c) consequently (d) because
60. I have graduated, _____ I will go on training.
(a) so (b) or
(c) and (d) yet

Directions (Questions 61-65): Choose the appropriate one-word substitute for the given phrases.

61. One who is not sure about God's existence:
(a) atheist (b) ascetic
(c) anarchist (d) agnostic
62. A lover of oneself:
(a) polyglot (b) numismatist
(c) narcissist (d) hedonist
63. One who does not care for art and literature:
(a) stoic (b) pacifist
(c) philistine (d) misogynist
64. An unconventional style of living:
(a) bohemian (b) heretic
(c) effeminate (d) pyromania
65. One who is a centre of attraction:
(a) iconoclast (b) cynosure
(c) henpeck (d) agoraphobe

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