

**GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF LOWER DIVISION CLERK - 2023

Full Mark: 200 marks; Time allowed: 3 hours

PAPER - I

(Except question 1 and 2, all questions are multiple choice questions and each question carries 2 marks)

1. Write an essay on any one of the following in about 500 words: (30 marks)

- (a) Recent election trends in Mizoram.
- (b) Veneration of older people.
- (c) Benefits of reading books.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

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. In recent years, India rediscovers herself again. The achievement we have is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. We have to be brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future. We ought to remember that freedom and power bring responsibility.

The past is over and it is the future that beckons to us now. That future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving so that we may fulfil the pledges we have so often taken and 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.

(a) Find the antonym of the following words from the passage. (1x5 = 5 marks)

- i) dust ii) indignity iii) defeats (iv) intermittent v) knowledge

(b) What are the conditions of India's past history? (5 marks)

(c) How should we face the challenges of the future? (5 marks)

(d) How should we serve India? (5 marks)

Direction (question 3 to 7): Choose the part of the sentence that has an error.

3. The two first cars in the line are prone to accident in steep roads.

- (A) The two first cars
- (B) in the line
- (C) are prone to accident
- (D) in steep roads

4. He congratulated her for her success in the examination.
 (A) He congratulated her (B) for her success
 (C) in the examination (D) No error
5. Either of the two men are his cousin.
 (A) Either of (B) the two men
 (C) are his cousin (D) No error
6. It is me who am to blame.
 (A) It is me (B) who am
 (C) to blame (D) No error
7. The thief entered by the kitchen's door.
 (A) The thief (B) entered by
 (C) the kitchen's door (D) No error

Direction (question 8 to 12): Choose the correct preposition:

8. Mawii goes _____ Sunday to the Church.
 (A) on (B) in (C) at (D) for
9. The work was done _____ haste.
 (A) in (B) on (C) with (D) by
10. You, boys, must settle it _____ yourselves.
 (A) by (B) among (C) on (D) with
11. The public are cautioned _____ pickpockets.
 (A) at (B) of (C) against (D) from
12. He walked _____ the end of the street.
 (A) to (B) into (C) over (D) of

Direction (question 13 to 16): Name the part of speech of the words written in italics:

13. He is the *one* who killed the large snake.
 (A) Noun (B) Pronoun (C) Verb (D) Adverb
14. He asked me *if* I could help him.
 (A) Adjective (B) Preposition (C) Conjunction (D) Pronoun
15. He slept *till* eight o'clock.
 (A) Adjective (B) Preposition (C) Adverb (D) Auxiliary verb
16. *Hot* winds blow in May and June.
 (A) Adjective (B) Verb (C) Adverb (D) Pronoun

Direction (question 17 and 18): Choose the correct synonym of the given word:

17. linger:

- (A) walking (B) loiter (C) enjoy (D) annoy

18. sagacity:

- (A) enmity (B) logical (C) adventurous (D) wisdom

Direction (question 19 and 20): Choose the correct antonym of the given word:

19. frown:

- (A) smile (B) jump (C) sink (D) yield

20. opaque:

- (A) clear (B) transparent (C) visible (D) bitter

Direction (question 21 to 24): Choose the correct form of verb:

21. Bread and butter _____ his only food.

- (A) are (B) is (C) were (D) being

22. All his advice _____ useless.

- (A) were (B) was (C) have been (D) are

23. The maxi cab _____ before we reached the cab station.

- (A) arrived (B) had arrived (C) was arrived (D) was arriving

24. When we saw her yesterday, she _____ her skirt.

- (A) saw (B) sewn (C) was sewing (D) had sewn

Direction (question 25 to 27): Choose the meaning of the idioms & phrases:

25. "while away" –

- (A) to waste time (B) to avoid
(C) to go away (D) to rest with assurance

26. "to bear with" –

- (A) to become stronger (B) repulse
(C) tolerate (D) to fight with one's might

27. "a bird of passage" –

- (A) a miser (B) one who always move on
(C) an impractical person (D) a sensible man

(GENERAL KNOWLEDGE – 100 MARKS)

28. Which institution has been named recently as the world's largest derivatives exchange in 2022?
(A) National Stock Exchange of India (B) Bombay Stock Exchange
(C) Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange (D) NASDAQ
29. Which company has retained its spot as the top-selling car-maker in the world for the third straight year?
(A) Volkswagen (B) Toyota (C) Skoda (D) Ford
30. 'Paris Club', an informal group of creditor nations, are the members of which organization?
(A) OPEC (B) OECD (C) G-20 (D) G-7
31. After the RBI Monetary Policy Statement announced in February, 2023, what is the repo rate?
(A) 5.50 % (B) 5.75 % (C) 6.25 % (D) 6.50 %
32. Which country's fertility rate is the lowest in the world at 0.78 in 2022?
(A) USA (B) South Korea (C) Japan (D) Germany
33. Which city host the Business 20 (B20) of the G20 dialogue from 1-3 March, 2023?
(A) Guwahati (B) Hyderabad (C) Aizawl (D) Pune
34. What is the theme of the G20 summit for 2023?
(A) One Earth. One Family. One Future (B) One Earth, One Future
(C) The World is One Family (D) None of these
35. Which institution released the 'Landslide Atlas of India', which identifies landslide hotspots in the country?
(A) DRDO (B) NABARD (C) ISRO (D) NITI Aayog
36. Who recently received ISL Hero of the League (Best Player) award 2022 - 2023?
(A) Lalengmawia Ralte (B) Lallianzuala Chhangte
(C) Sunil Chhetri (D) Jorge P. Diaz
37. Which of the following football clubs used to play the El Clasico?
(A) Barcelona – Real Madrid (B) Real Madrid – Atletico Madrid
(C) Bayern Munich – Real Madrid (D) Man. United – Man. City
38. Who won the Tennis Australian Open women's single title?
(A) Simona Halep (B) Aryna Sabalenka
(C) Elena Rybakina (D) Iga Swiatek.
39. Who is the current Minister of Horticulture Department in Mizoram?
(A) R. Lalzirliana (B) Lalruatkima (C) Lalrinsanga (D) Zoramthanga
40. Who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in India?
(A) D.Y. Chandrachud (B) Uday Lalit (C) N.V. Ramana (D) Arvind Bobde

41. The silver coin 'Tanka' was introduced in India by _____.
 (A) Shah Jahan (B) Iltutmish (C) Akbar (D) Aurangzeb
42. Mohammed Bin Tuglaq shifted his capital from Delhi to _____.
 (A) Warangal (B) Devagiri (C) Madurai (D) Vijayanagar
43. Which Mughal emperor issued a farman granting the East India Company the right to trade duty free?
 (A) Humayun (B) Farrukhsiyar (C) Shah Jahan (D) Aurangzeb
44. During the socio religious reforms movements, 'Go back to Vedas' slogan was propagated by _____.
 (A) Vivekananda (B) Jyotiba Phule
 (C) Ram Mohan Roy (D) Dayanand Saraswati
45. Mahatma Gandhi got his inspiration for Civil Disobedience Movement from _____.
 (A) Thoreau (B) Ruskin (C) Tolstoy (D) Confucius
46. The permanent settlement of Bengal was introduced by _____.
 (A) Robert Clive (B) Warren Hasting (C) Wellesley (D) Cornwallis
47. Which of the following represented India in the Second Round Table Conference?
 (A) Jawaharlal Nehru (B) Sarojini Naidu
 (C) Ali Jinnah (D) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
48. The first Indian selected for Indian Civil Service in 1863 was _____.
 (A) Satyendra Nath Tagore (B) Sarojini Naidu
 (C) Lala Lajpat Rai (D) C.R. Das
49. Which of the following countries has an unwritten Constitution?
 (A) U.K. (B) USA (C) India (D) Russia
50. The Constitution of India was framed by:
 (A) Constituent Assembly (B) Planning Commission
 (C) Working Committee (D) Indian National Congress
51. What is the sanctioned judicial strength of the Supreme Court of India currently?
 (A) 25 (B) 28 (C) 31 (D) 34
52. The Constitution of India was adopted on:
 (A) 15.08.1947 (B) 26.11.1949 (C) 20.01.1950 (D) 26.01.1950
53. Which one of the followings does not come under social rights?
 (A) Right to vote (B) Right to religious freedom
 (C) Right to life (D) Right to education and culture
54. The minimum age prescribed for member of the Rajya Sabha is _____.
 (A) 25 (B) 30 (C) 35 (D) 40
55. Among the following, which does not consist of the Indian Parliament?
 (A) Lok Sabha (B) Rajya Sabha (C) President (D) Prime Minister

56. Which planet orbits nearest to the earth?
 (A) Venus (B) Mars (C) Jupiter (D) Moon
57. Which of the following is an igneous rock?
 (A) Granite (B) Limestone (C) Marble (D) Slate
58. The latitude of a place is expressed by its angular distance in relation to _____.
 (A) North Pole (B) South Pole (C) Equator (D) Earth's axis
59. Which of the following straits separates India and Sri Lanka?
 (A) Mahab strait (B) Bering strait (C) Palk strait (D) Taurus strait
60. The time difference between Indian Standard Time and Greenwich Mean Time is:
 (A) 4 hours 30 minutes (B) 5 hours 30 minutes
 (C) 6 hours 30 minutes (D) 7 hours 30 minutes
61. The highest mountain peak in peninsular India is _____.
 (A) Himadri (B) Anaimudi (C) Nilgiri (D) Dodabetta
62. Commercialization of agriculture implies _____.
 (A) cultivation of timbers (B) plantation
 (C) production of crops for sale (D) large scale cultivation
63. Custom duty is an instrument of _____.
 (A) Monetary Policy (B) Foreign Trade Policy
 (C) Fiscal Policy (D) Industrial Policy
64. Which of the following formulates fiscal policy in India?
 (A) NITI Aayog (B) Finance Commission
 (C) Reserve Bank of India (D) Ministry of Finance
65. Water is used in car radiator because of its _____.
 (A) high specific heat capacity (B) low density
 (C) low boiling point (D) viscosity
66. Damp cloths are dried in spin dryers by the action of _____.
 (A) centripetal forces (B) centrifugal forces
 (C) central forces (D) downward forces
67. The acid which is secreted by the glands in the stomach wall is _____ acid.
 (A) sulphuric (B) hydrochloric (C) nitric (D) phosphoric
68. The blood vessel supplying blood to the kidney is _____ artery.
 (A) hepatic (B) pulmonary (C) carotid (D) renal
69. The largest organ of the human body is the _____.
 (A) brain (B) stomach (C) spleen (D) liver

70. Which of the following is MAL Book of the Year 2021?
 (A) Hnam ropuite u, tho r'u le (B) Vaihna Vartian
 (C) Bible leh Science (D) Aizawlah Aizawler
71. Who was the first President of YMA (YLA) in 1935?
 (A) Rev. Chhuahkhama (B) R. Buchhawna
 (C) Rev. L. Evans (D) Rev. E. Rolands
72. Which of the following is not the name a living organism in Mizoram?
 (A) Kawrnu (B) Pikhawizu (C) Chiuhiah (D) Chingchip
73. When did the British captured Lalnu Ropuiliani?
 (A) 1891 (B) 1892 (C) 1893 (D) 1895
74. When was the abolition of the chieftainship (*lal ban*) occurred in Mizoram in which about 259 Mizo chiefs stepped down from their position?
 (A) 15.04.1954 (B) 01.04.1955 (C) 26.03.1956 (D) 26.05.1957
75. In the Mizo folktale, who has a magic drum which he seized from a group of monkeys?
 (A) Maurawkela (B) Lalruanga (C) Zawngrengtea (D) Ngamtawna
76. Which of the following is not a traditional Mizo trap used for catching birds?
 (A) Beai (B) Thangchep (C) Kilen (D) Fal
77. What is meant by the Mizo phrase "zam zal"?
 (A) to sleep all day (B) to be unenergetic
 (C) to be quarrelsome (D) a lazy person