

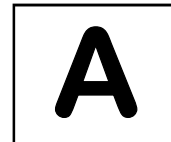
# MIZORAM SUBORDINATE SERVICES SELECTION BOARD



## COMBINED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF JE(CIVIL)/OVERSEER JANUARY - 2023

Question Booklet Series

PAPER I



**Time Allowed : 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 200**

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper is divided into two sections. Section A consists of one (1) essay type question while Section B consists of eighty (85) multiple-choice type of questions.
2. Immediately after the commencement of the examination, you should check that this question booklet does not have any unprinted or missing pages or items, etc. If so, get it replaced by a complete booklet from the invigilator.
3. Please note that it is the candidate's responsibility to fill in all necessary details such as Roll Number, etc. and the Question Booklet Series A, B, C or D carefully and without any omission or discrepancy at the appropriate places in the OMR Answer Sheet. Any omission/discrepancy will render the Answer Sheet liable for rejection.
4. You have to write your answer for Section A *only* on the separate Answer Sheet provided.
5. Each of the multiple-choice type question under Section B comprises four responses (answers). You will select the response which you want to mark on the Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose *ONLY ONE* response for each item.
6. You have to mark your responses for Section B *only* on the separate OMR Answer Sheet provided. ***Read instructions given in the OMR sheet carefully.***
7. All questions under Section B carry equal marks.
8. Rough work is to be done in the spaces available in the question booklet.
9. You have to submit your Answer Sheet to the invigilators at the end of the examination compulsorily and must not carry it with you outside the Examination Hall. You are permitted to take away with you the question booklet on conclusion of examination.
10. There are no negative marks for incorrect answer.



**SECTION – A**

**(30 marks)**

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

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in not more than 350 words.
  - (a) Impact of Covid-19 on the economy of Mizoram
  - (b) Higher Education versus Skill Acquisition

**SECTION – B**

**(170 marks)**

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

**Directions (Question 1-2):** *Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.*

1.
  - (a) The explanation of Mr Kenyon’s letter is briefly this.
  - (b) If pushed to extremity he would turn against Kenyon, and make public the conspiracy in which he had joined, together with Kenyon’s motive in imprisoning his wife.
  - (c) He had had an interview with Dr Fox, in which he had so severely censured the doctor that the latter finally became angry and defiant, and intimidated.
  - (d) His visit South had done no good.

(A) adcb	(B) acbd
(C) adbc	(D) dacb
  
2.
  - (a) The rising gale fanned the smoldering fire.
  - (b) Passengers were then told to be ready to quit the ship.
  - (c) And flames broke out here and there.
  - (d) Smoke oozed up between the planks.

(A) adbc	(B) adcb
(C) dcab	(D) dbca

**Directions (Questions 3-4):** *Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.*

3. To give one’s authority to another

(A) Represent	(B) Designate
(C) Assign	(D) Delegate
  
4. Something capable of being done

(A) Tenable	(B) Feasible
(C) Explicable	(D) Probable

**Directions (Questions 5-6):** *Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.*

5. GRUESOME

(A) Clear	(B) Rude
(C) Pleasant	(D) Fresh

6. ABYSMAL  
(A) Superb (B) Immeasurable  
(C) Eternal (D) Beneath

**Directions (Questions 7-8):** *Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.*

7. Economic backwardness of a region is characterized by the co-existence of unutilized or underutilized \_\_\_\_\_ on the one hand, and unexploited natural resources, on the other.  
(A) sources (B) finances  
(C) manpower (D) funds
8. A friend in need is a friend indeed. A man who stands \_\_\_\_ his friend in adversity is a true friend.  
(A) for (B) by  
(C) with (D) of

**Directions (Questions 9-10):** *Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No improvement'.*

9. The President gave up the prizes to the winners at the award ceremony.  
(A) gave away (B) give away  
(C) gave back (D) No improvement
10. Children were spending more time outdoors with their friends before the smartphones were invented.  
(A) are invented (B) had invented  
(C) have been invented (D) No improvement

**Directions (Questions 11-15):** *Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.*

Journalism combines writing with news gathering and interpretation. While the journalist's work obviously varies from newspaper to newspaper and from magazine to magazine, all journalists are as much research workers, as they are writers. They cannot write their news or feature stories, unless they locate it and research them first. They must be able to read the in-between lines of the main source news and interpret that. A great many stories hunt the journalist, who rejects most of them. He carefully sorts and sifts those, taking only a relatively very small proportion of news, may be, coming from an unexpected source. A successful journalist may gather news to the tune of 100 percent but he can use them for his profession only 3-5 percent. He must be able to see or forecast to himself, the news of tomorrow or the day after, from the news of today; because newspapers want advance news or advance wearing to give a good, exclusive and exhaustive coverage to anything of interest. But a real "scoop" is a very rare event. And bogus scoops also bring disrepute to the newspaper.

11. According to the passage, a journalist's work includes  
(A) sorting out the news (B) news gathering  
(C) writing (D) all of these

12. What does the passage say about successful journalists?  
(A) they present advance news  
(B) their news comes from unexpected sources  
(C) they can use a relatively small portion of the news  
(D) they reject a major portion of the gathered news
13. What, according to the passage, is the common characteristic of all journalists?  
(A) they all can forecast future news  
(B) they all make an adventure to find a worthy news  
(C) they all have to first probe into the news they gather  
(D) they all write for the newspapers
14. What is the basic requisite for exclusive and exhaustive coverage of newspapers?  
(A) effective style of writing  
(B) selection of a small portion of the gathered news  
(C) collecting the news of a “real scoop”  
(D) forecast of tomorrow’s news from today’s news
15. What is the most important for a journalist?  
(A) He must know how to gather the right news  
(B) He must be able to write effectively  
(C) He must know how to sort out the news  
(D) He must be able to interpret the news correctly

**Directions (Question 16-18): *In the given sentences identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.***

16. I will have finished this work at the end of this month.  
(A) I will have (B) finished  
(C) this work (D) at the end of this month
17. He is neither in favour of arms race or in favour of simple nuclear disarmament.  
(A) He is neither in (B) favour of arms race  
(C) or in favour of (D) simple nuclear disarmament
18. Her argument was that the term ‘fake news’ allows the debate to be framed as a textual problem, while it remains a ethical and social one.  
(A) Her argument was that the term ‘fake news’  
(B) allows the debate to be framed as  
(C) a textual problem, while  
(D) it remains a ethical and social one
19. ***Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.***  
“I have visited all the continents,” she said.  
(A) She said that she has visited all the continents.  
(B) She said that she had visited all the continents.  
(C) She said that she visited all the continents.  
(D) She said that she have visited all the continents.

20. **Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.**  
(A) Surprise (B) Medicine  
(C) Knowlege (D) Truly
21. **Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.**  
My mother is cooking food.  
(A) Food is being cooked by my mother  
(B) Food has been cooked by my mother  
(C) Food was being cooked by my mother  
(D) Food is cooked by my mother

**Directions (Question 22-23): Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

22. To drive home  
(A) To find one's roots (B) To return to place of rest  
(C) To emphasise (D) Back to original position
23. To leave someone in the lurch  
(A) To come to compromise with someone  
(B) Constant source of annoyance to someone  
(C) To put someone at ease  
(D) To desert someone in his difficulties

**Directions (Question 24-28): Select the most appropriate verb/preposition/article/conjunction/etc. to fill in the blank.**

24. Please, come \_\_\_\_\_ the bathroom.  
(A) in (B) over  
(C) out of (D) on
25. The ship, \_\_\_\_\_ Robinson arrived on the island.  
(A) had been broken (B) having been broken  
(C) having broken (D) has broken
26. I don't know the city \_\_\_\_\_ he lives.  
(A) what (B) which  
(C) where (D) that
27. We have been living in Zarkawt, Aizawl \_\_\_\_\_ 1998.  
(A) for (B) from  
(C) about (D) since
28. Don't disturb him. He \_\_\_\_\_ in his room.  
(A) is sleeping (B) sleep  
(C) sleeps (D) slept

**Directions (Questions 29-33): Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Too many parents these days can't say no. As a result, they find themselves raising children who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what

they want doesn't satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing number of psychologists, educators and parents think it's time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what's really important : values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher—and the stakes have never been higher. One recent study of adults who were overindulged as children, paints a discouraging picture of their future : when given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life's disappointments. They also have distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the work place and in relationships.

29. Psychologists, educators and parents want to teach the children about  
(A) treachery (B) indiscipline  
(C) values of hard work (D) none of these
30. Adults have difficulty with life's disappointments when  
(A) they have too many difficulties (B) they are given too much too soon  
(C) they are given too little (D) none of these
31. Distorted sense of entitlement means  
(A) they believe they deserve no special treatment  
(B) they believe they deserve special treatment  
(C) they believe they are nothing  
(D) they believe they have inferiority complex
32. Choose the word which has similar meaning as 'compassion'.  
(A) Apathy (B) Courage  
(C) Empathy (D) Confused
33. The antonym of 'distorted' is  
(A) accurate (B) crooked  
(C) strange (D) quaint

**Directions (Questions 34-35): Select the most appropriate SYNONYM of the given word.**

34. VERBOSE  
(A) Talkative (B) Effortless  
(C) Natural (D) Random
35. LETHARGY  
(A) Laxity (B) Impassivity  
(C) Listlessness (D) Serenity
36. Which of the following recommended the creation of Lokpal and Lokayukta for redress of citizens' grievances?  
(A) Kalelkar Commission (B) Administrative Reforms Commission  
(C) Law Commission (D) Upendra Commission
37. Who is the Presiding Officer of the Central Legislature?  
(A) Chairman (B) President  
(C) Speaker (D) Vice President

38. Which of the following Union Territories does not have provision for a legislature?
- (A) Delhi  
(B) Puducherry  
(C) Jammu & Kashmir  
(D) Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
39. Consider the following statements on the James Webb Space Telescope :
1. It is built at a cost of about 10 billion US dollars
  2. Its mirrors are made of Beryllium to ensure they are strong and light
  3. It is positioned at Lagrange 1 or L1 which is 1.5 million kms away from earth
  4. It orbits the sun while the Hubble space telescope orbits the earth
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
- (A) 1, 2 and 3 are correct but 4 is incorrect  
(B) 2, 3 and 4 are correct but 1 is incorrect  
(C) 1, 2 and 4 are correct but 3 is incorrect  
(D) 1 and 2 are correct but 3 and 4 are incorrect
40. Which of the following about the proposed PM PRANAM (PM Promotion of Alternate Nutrients for Agriculture Management) scheme is incorrect?
- (A) It aims to reduce the use of chemical fertilisers by incentivising states  
(B) It aims to reduce the subsidy burden on chemical fertilisers  
(C) It aims to promote sustainable agricultural practices  
(D) It aims to bring five lakh acres of agricultural land under organic farming
41. Which of the following is not based on heating effect of current?
- (A) Electric heater (B) Electric bulb  
(C) Electric iron (D) Microwave
42. The study of the origin and evolution of the universe is called
- (A) Astrology (B) Cosmology  
(C) Seismology (D) Limnology
43. Consider the following statements :
- Assertion (A) :** Majority of children in many parts of India are already immune to hepatitis A by the time they are five years old.
- Reason (R) :** Children are exposed to the virus through water.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
- (A) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A  
(B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A  
(C) A is true, but R is false  
(D) A is false, but R is true
44. What is the full form of ECLGS?
- (A) Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme  
(B) Emergency Credit Launched Guarantee Scheme  
(C) Emergency Cash Linked Guarantee Scheme  
(D) Emergency Capital Launched Guarantee Scheme



45. Which of the following denote the name of the bank concerned in the IFSC Code?  
(A) First Three Characters (B) First Four Characters  
(C) First Five Characters (D) First Six Characters
46. With which of the following is Antyodaya Programme associated?  
(A) Abolition of bonded labour  
(B) Housing for the poor  
(C) Provision of pension to the unorganised sector of the society  
(D) Upliftment of the poorest of the poor
47. Why did Congress contest elections under the India Act of 1935?  
(A) To obstruct the functioning of the Government from within  
(B) To demonstrate to the British India Government its mass following all over the country  
(C) To get some measures, favourable to Indian, passed  
(D) Because some of the provisions of the India Act of 1935 were acceptable to Congress
48. The organization for the upliftment of the lower caste founded by Jyotiba Phule was  
(A) Poona Seva Sadan (B) Seva Samiti  
(C) Bharat Dharma Mahamandala (D) Satyashodhak Samaj
49. Which of the following occurred during the period of Lord Curzon?  
I. Agricultural Research Institute II. Durand Commission  
III. Hunter Commission IV. Raleigh Commission  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
(A) I only (B) I and III  
(C) I and IV (D) All of these
50. Consider the following statements :  
**Statement I** - A molecule of water is composed of two H atoms and one O atom  
**Statement II** - The bond between H atom and O atom in water is a covalent bond  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
(A) Both Statement I and Statement II are false  
(B) Both Statement I and Statement II are true  
(C) Statement I is correct but Statement II is false  
(D) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is true
51. Consider the following :  
(i) Dengue fever (ii) Ascariasis (iii) Covid-19 (iv) Tetanus  
Which of the above are diseases caused by virus?  
(A) (i) and (ii) (B) (ii) and (iii)  
(C) (i) and (iii) (D) (ii) and (iv)
52. The slope of a velocity-time graph represents  
(A) acceleration (B) displacement  
(C) momentum (D) speed

53. Natural death is termed in Mizo as  
(A) Hlamzuih (B) Zachhamlak  
(C) Awmlai (D) Sarthi
54. A bride price given to the person who baby sat the bride as an infant is  
(A) Ni ar (B) Naupuakpuan  
(C) Palal (D) Sumfang
55. An annual sacrifice conducted for the attainment of success in hunting and to gain victory over their enemies is known as  
(A) Fanodawi (B) Kawngpuiisiam  
(C) Khawkhengthawi (D) Dawinochhui
56. ‘Green Triangle’ named after Mahatma Gandhi was inaugurated in which country?  
(A) India (B) Nepal  
(C) South Africa (D) Madagascar
57. SVAMITVA is a government of India scheme whose main aim is  
(A) survey of village area using improvised technology such as drone  
(B) to impart traditional knowledge to children  
(C) emancipation of Swamis and sadhus  
(D) None of the above
58. The provisions in the Indian Constitution related to formation and establishment of new states is amendable by  
(A) two-thirds majority of the two houses of Parliament  
(B) simple majority of Parliament  
(C) two-thirds majority of the two houses of Parliament and majority of the states  
(D) none of the above
59. Consider the following :  
1. The Committee on Public Accounts comprises Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.  
2. The Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts is appointed by the Prime Minister of India.  
Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?  
(A) 1 only (B) 2 only  
(C) Neither 1 nor 2 (D) Both 1 and 2
60. Parliament by law may  
1. increase the area of any State 2. diminish the area of any State  
3. alter the boundaries of any State 4. alter the name of any State  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
(A) 1 and 2 (B) 1, 2 and 4  
(C) 1, 2 and 3 (D) 1, 2, 3 and 4
61. The ‘National Data and Analytics Platform’(NDAP) was launched by  
(A) Reserve Bank of India (B) NASSCOM  
(C) C-DAC (D) NITIAayog

62. Which of the following is used as a price reference for about two-thirds of the oil traded around the globe?  
(A) Dubai (B) WTI Crude  
(C) Brent Crude (D) All of these
63. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) recently added a new security feature known as fingerprint 'liveliness' to the AEPS. The full form of AEPS is  
(A) Aadhaar Enabled Payment System  
(B) Aadhaar Enabled Payment Scheme  
(C) Aadhaar Enabled Procurement System  
(D) Aadhaar Empowered Procurement Scheme
64. Which of the following countries will host the Commonwealth Games 2026?  
(A) Australia (B) Canada  
(C) New Zealand (D) Bahamas
65. The abolition of chieftainship in the Lushai Hills came into effect on  
(A) 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1953 (B) 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1954  
(C) 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1955 (D) 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1956
66. The chant or a cry raised by the warriors when returning from successful raid to show his superiority over the enemy is  
(A) Bawh hla (B) Hlado  
(C) Khuate hla (D) Thiam hla
67. What is the First Mizo Kristian hymn?  
(A) Eng Nge Sual tifai thei ang (B) Isu Beram Vengtu Ang in  
(C) Isua Vanah AAwmA (D) Tlang Thim Tak Chhak Lamah
68. Which timber is specially used for Seluphan ?  
(A) Thingsia (B) Thlanvawng  
(C) Ngiau (D) Zuang
69. With which crop has Green Revolution been associated?  
(A) Rice (B) Wheat  
(C) Pulses (D) Sugarcane
70. GIS stands for  
(A) Global Institute for Soils (B) Geographical Information System  
(C) Global International Satellite (D) Geographical International Studies
71. Which one of the following districts is largest in terms of area?  
(A) Kolasib (B) Mamit  
(C) Serchhip (D) Siaha
72. Which of the following peninsular rivers is west flowing?  
(A) Tapi (B) Mahanadi  
(C) Krishna (D) Kaveri

73. The Government of India has replaced five year plan with  
(A) Annual Plan  
(B) 7-year vision document  
(C) 10-year transformational change document  
(D) 15-year vision document
74. The type of economy in which domestic income equals the national income is  
(A) Closed economy (B) Open economy  
(C) Mixed economy (D) Market economy
75. Human capital formation as a concept is better explained in terms of a process which enables:  
1. Individuals of a country to accumulate more capital  
2. Increasing the knowledge, skill level and acceptance and capabilities of the people of the country  
3. Accumulation of tangible wealth  
4. Accumulation of intangible wealth  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
(A) 1 and 2 (B) 2 only  
(C) 2 and 4 (D) 1, 3 and 4
76. What is the full form of MSP, an important policy to improve agricultural marketing system?  
(A) Minimum Selling Price (B) Maximum Selling Price  
(C) Minimum Support Price (D) Maximum Support Price
77. Which of the two groups belong to alluvial soils?  
(A) Red and Yellow soils (B) Arid and Laterite soils  
(C) Khadar and Bhangar soils (D) Black and Regur soils
78. The position of the earth when it is at its minimum distance from the sun is called  
(A) Apogee (B) Perigee  
(C) Aphelion (D) Perihelion
79. Match the following :  
1. Assam : (a) Agar  
2. Manipur : (b) Hollong  
3. Mizoram : (c) Iron wood  
4. Tripura : (d) Uning thou  
Select the correct answer using the codes given below.  
(A) 1 – (a), 2 – (b), 3 – (c), 4 – (d) (B) 1 – (d), 2 – (a), 3 – (c), 4 – (b)  
(C) 1 – (d), 2 – (c), 3 – (b), 4 – (a) (D) 1 – (b), 2 – (d), 3 – (c), 4 – (a)
80. The Rowlatt Act 1919 empowered the British Government to  
(A) release all the political prisoners by 1921  
(B) close down any industrial unit at its discretion  
(C) extend the period of imprisonment for Indians  
(D) detain a person for any duration without trial

81. Carbon dioxide and water are two essential raw materials for  
(A) respiration (B) digestion  
(C) photosynthesis (D) assimilation
82. Looking glass is  
(A) spherical mirror (B) concave mirror  
(C) plane mirror (D) convex mirror
83. The most common element used in solar cell is  
(A) Cerium (B) Silicon  
(C) Astatine (D) Vanadium
84. The Vernacular Press Act was repealed by  
(A) Lord Ripon (B) Lord Dufferin  
(C) Lord Mayo (D) Lord Lansdowne
85. Gandhiji began his historic Salt March, the Dandi March, from his Sabarmati Ashram to Gujarat Sea coast on  
(A) 10 March 1930 (B) 12 March 1930  
(C) 12 May 1930 (D) 12 May 1932