

PART - A

1. What is the theme of 'World Environment Day, 2022' ?
(a) Only one earth (b) Invest in our planet
(c) Live with the native (d) Ecosystem restoration.
2. What is the new brand name of the fertilizer under the 'One Nation, One Fertilizer' plan ?
(a) Bharat (b) Vikas (c) Kisan (d) Rythu.
3. Who received the 2022 UNESCO Peace Prize in recognition of efforts to welcome refugees ?
(a) Joe Biden (b) Justin Trudeau
(c) Boris Johnson (d) Angela Merkel.
4. Which Indian economist has been appointed the Chief Economist of World Bank ?
(a) Raghuram Rajan (b) Urjit Patel
(c) Indermit Gill (d) Viral Acharya.
5. Indian origin Laxman Narasimhan has been appointed as CEO of which American multinational company ?
(a) Adobe (b) Starbucks (c) Amazon (d) Google.
6. Under which scheme will Bamboo link roads be constructed in Mizoram ?
(a) Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East (PM-DevINE)
(b) North-East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)
(c) North-East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS)
(d) The National Bamboo Mission.
7. Which country tops the world in terms of number of persons killed in road accidents as per World Road Statistics (WRS), 2018 ?
(a) China (b) Brazil (c) India (d) Australia.
8. What is the theme of National Statistics Day, 2022 ?
(a) Data for Sustainable Development (b) Accurate Data
(c) Free access to data (d) Provision of accurate data to all.
9. Who won India's first ever medal in high jump at the Commonwealth Games, 2022 ?
(a) Dutee Chand (b) Hima Das
(c) M. Sreeshankar (d) Tejaswin Shankar.

10. Name a clinical trial in which blood is transfused from recovered COVID-19 patients to a corona virus patient who is in critical condition. 19
- (a) Solidarity (b) Ramdesivir
(c) Hydrotherapy (d) Plasma Therapy.
11. What is the full form of PAHOSS ? 20
- (a) Parking and Housing Support Scheme (b) Parking at Home Support Scheme
(c) Parking House Support Scheme (d) Parking at House Support Scheme.
12. SEDP stands for – 21
- (a) Special Economic Development Programme
(b) Socio-Economic Development Policy
(c) Socio-Economic Development Programme 22
(d) Special Economic Development Policy.
13. The 2022 Indian National Congress presidential election was triggered by the resignation of – 23
- (a) Shashi Tharoor (b) Mallikarjun Kharge
(c) Rahul Gandhi (d) Ashok Gehlot.
14. Who received the 2022 Nobel Prize in Medicine for pioneering work in paleogenomics ? 24
- (a) Svante Paabo (b) David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian
(c) Abdulrazak Gurnah (d) Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov.
15. Which among the following suspended the non-cooperation movement ? 25
- (a) Jallianwala Bagh Massacre (b) Chauri Chaura incident
(c) Peterloo Massacre (d) Dandi March. 26
16. Who is the present President of India ?
- (a) Venkaiah Naidu (b) Pranab Mukherjee
(c) Droupadi Murmu (d) Pratibha Devisingh Patil.
17. The Central government bifurcates Jammu and Kashmir into two UTs by abrogating which article of the Indian Constitution ? 27
- (a) Article 270 (b) Article 370 (c) Article 371 (d) Article 372.
18. Who among the following reserves the right to initiate the constitutional amendment ?
- (a) Supreme Court of India (b) Parliament of India
(c) President of India (d) Union Council of India.

19. Indian Citizenship can be acquired through which of the following cases ?
(a) By birth
(b) By descent
(c) By acquisition or incorporation of territory
(d) All of these.
20. Federalism is adopted in the Indian Constitution from which of the following countries ?
(a) Germany (b) Canada (c) Australia (d) Italy.
21. How many languages are included in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution ?
(a) Eight (b) Twelve (c) Twenty two (d) Twenty six.
22. Article 21-A of the Indian Constitution deals with –
(a) Right to Freedom of Speech and Expression
(b) Right to Education
(c) Right against exploitation
(d) Right to Equality.
23. How many states are there in India ?
(a) 26 (b) 27 (c) 28 (d) 29.
24. In which season is sugarcane cultivated ?
(a) Kharif season (b) Rabi season (c) Zaid season (d) Navi season.
25. Which of the following terms is not related to geography ?
(a) El Nino (b) Metrology (c) Topography (d) Atlas.
26. Mizoram shares its border with which of the following states/countries ?
(a) Bangladesh, Myanmar, Tripura, Assam
(b) Bangladesh, Myanmar, Tripura, Meghalaya
(c) Myanmar, Assam, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh
(d) Myanmar, Assam, Manipur, Sikkim. ✓
27. What is the main purpose of buffer stock in India ?
(a) To reduce food price fluctuations
(b) To save food grains from environmental threats
(c) To provide farmers a place to save food grains
(d) To maximize the profit of farmers.

28. With reference to 'Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)', consider the following statements :
1. PMEGP has extended till 2025-2026
 2. The scheme will create sustainable employment opportunities for about 100 lakh persons in five financial years.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2.
29. Which of the following is a water soluble vitamin ?
- (a) Vitamin A (b) Vitamin B (c) Vitamin D (d) Vitamin E.
30. UPI is the short form of -
- (a) United Payment Interface (b) Universal Payment Interface
(c) Unified Payment Interface (d) Unchartered Payment Interface.
31. Organisms that eat other plants or animals for energy and nutrition are termed as -
- (a) Autotrophs (b) Decomposers (c) Heterotrophs (d) Saprotrophs.
32. Which of the following was established in 2010 as a specialized body for handling any environmental disputes ?
- (a) National Environment Appellate Authority
(b) Lok Adalat
(c) National Green Tribunal
(d) National Biodiversity Authority.
33. Which gas was responsible for the death of over 500,000 people in the Bhopal gas tragedy ?
- (a) Gobar gas (b) Nitrous oxide
(c) Methyl Isocyanate (d) Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.
34. Typhoid is caused by a -
- (a) Bacteria (b) Virus (c) Parasite (d) Fungus.
35. Risk of hypertension can be lowered by -
- (a) Exercising (b) Limiting alcohol consumption
(c) Lower salt diet (d) All of these.
36. What is the most common test for color blindness ?
- (a) DNA fingerprinting (b) Ishihara test
(c) Eye test (d) Gene test.

37. The Chernobyl disaster, an accident at a nuclear power station occurred in which modern day country ?
(a) Ukraine (b) Russia (c) Germany (d) North Korea.
38. Which of the following metals pollute the air of a city having a large number of automobiles ?
(a) Cadmium (b) Chromium (c) Benzene (d) Lead.
39. The state flower of Mizoram is –
(a) Red Vanda (b) Sunflower (c) Rhododendron (d) Bombax.
40. Peace accord between the MNF and the Indian Government was signed on –
(a) February 20, 1986 (b) May 31, 1986
(c) June 30, 1986 (d) July 20, 1986.
41. Hnahthial, Khawzawl and Saitual became operational districts of Mizoram in the year –
(a) 2018 (b) 2019 (c) 2020 (d) 2021.
42. 'Sechhun' is one of the rituals during –
(a) Khuangchawi (b) Kawngpui siam (c) Fanodawi (d) All of these.
43. Palak lake is located in which district ?
(a) Lawngtlai District (b) Kolasib District
(c) Siaha District (d) Champhai District.
44. Which festival is celebrated after harvesting of rice ?
(a) Chapchar kut (b) Pawl kut
(c) Mim kut (d) None of these.
45. Which of the following is a tributary of Tlawng river ?
(a) Tut (b) Tuichawng (c) Tuipui (d) Tuivawl.
46. What is the age limit for preparatory class according to the National Education Policy 2020 ?
(a) Ages 3 – 6 (b) Ages 6 – 8 (c) Ages 8 – 11 (d) Ages 11 – 14.
47. Mizoram Board of School Education (MBSE) was established in the year –
(a) 1965 (b) 1970 (c) 1972 (d) 1975.

48. The full form of CBCS in an educational model is –
- (a) Central Based Credit System (b) Common Based Credit System
 (c) Choice Based Credit System (d) Curriculum Based Credit System.
49. Bloom's taxonomy in education is a framework to develop –
- (a) National Curriculum Framework (b) Teacher Professional Development
 (c) Learning Objectives (d) Pedagogical Skills.
50. What is the name of the Mizo Academy of Letters' Book of the Year, 2021 ?
- (a) Mizo buanpuite (b) Kristian apologetics
 (c) Hruikim lo rimawi (d) Hnam ropuite u tho ru le.

Choose the correct answer to fill in the blanks : (For Questions 51-54)

51. It _____ heavily, so I will have to stay indoors.
- (a) was raining (b) is raining (c) has been raining (d) rained.
52. We _____ him for a long time.
- (a) know (b) had known
 (c) have known (d) have been knowing.
53. The investigation pointed _____ some evidence.
- (a) to (b) at (c) towards (d) on.
54. The whole town plunged _____ sorrow after the massacre of the students.
- (a) in (b) onto (c) into (d) at

Some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Pick out the part of the sentences which has an error : (For Questions 55-57)

55. John has been working on this project since two years.
- (a) John has been (b) working on this project
 (c) since two years (d) no error.
56. The sceneries of Kashmir is very charming.
- (a) The sceneries (b) of Kashmir
 (c) is very charming (d) no error.
57. Silver, as well as cotton, has fallen in price.
- (a) Silver (b) as well as cotton
 (c) has fallen in price (d) no error.

Out of the four alternatives given below, select the one that expresses the same meaning of the given sentence the best – Passive/Active voice and Direct/Indirect speech :
(For Questions 58-62)

58. I will bake a delicious chocolate cake. (Voice)
- (a) I will be baking a delicious chocolate cake
 - (b) A delicious chocolate cake will be baked by me
 - (c) A delicious chocolate cake has been baked by me
 - (d) A delicious chocolate cake will have been baked by me.
59. A dog was run over by a car. (Voice)
- (a) A car has run over a dog
 - (b) A car had run over a dog
 - (c) A car ran over a dog
 - (d) A car had ran over a dog.
60. The world champion title was won by him. (Voice)
- (a) He won the world champion title
 - (b) He had won the world champion title.
 - (c) He has won the world champion title
 - (d) He was winning the world champion title.
61. David asked me, "Did you watch the football match last night ?" (Speech)
- (a) David asked me whether I watched the football match the previous night.
 - (b) David asked me whether I had watched the football match the previous night.
 - (c) David asked me if I watched the football match the previous night.
 - (d) David asked me whether I had watch the football match the previous night.
62. Marvin said, "She is unbelievably a great singer."
- (a) Marvin exclaimed with surprise that she was unbelievably a great singer.
 - (b) Marvin exclaimed with surprise that she is unbelievably a great singer.
 - (c) Marvin exclaims with surprise that she was unbelievably a great singer.
 - (d) Marvin exclaims with surprise that she is unbelievably a great singer.

Fill in the blanks using the most relevant idioms/phrasal verbs from the alternatives given below : (For Questions 63-68)

63. The school used to be the best one in the state, but since the new principal took over last year, its _____. (declined in quality)
- (a) gone to the pigs
 - (b) gone to the cats
 - (c) gone to the dogs
 - (d) gone to the fleas.

64. He shouted that one day he'll become rich _____. (by any means, legal or illegal)
 (a) by leaps and bounds (b) by hook or by crook
 (c) by fits and starts (d) by guess or by golly.
65. Some customers are never happy. They like _____ in everything. (complain about small and unimportant things)
 (a) to pick gaps (b) to pick cracks (c) to pick holes (d) to pick stains.
66. The driver tried to _____ the officer _____, but he couldn't. (beat someone in a debate or argument)
 (a) argue out (b) argue down (c) argue off (d) argue up.
67. The cashier _____ when the robber pulled a gun. (retreat, go backwards)
 (a) backed off (b) backed down (c) backed out (d) backed away.
68. The whole city _____ when the power supply failed. (lose light)
 (a) blacked out (b) blanked out (c) blared out (d) blocked out.

Respond to the questions as directed : (For Questions 69-75)

69. Antonym of the word - CONCLUDE
 (a) complete (b) delay (c) terminate (d) commence
70. Antonym of the word - COMPACT
 (a) loose (b) sparse (c) compressed (d) packed.
71. Synonym of the word - RESTRICT
 (a) assist (b) exceed (c) confine (d) suppress.
72. Synonym of the word - FRAGILE
 (a) firm (b) frail (c) supple (d) resilient.
73. Choose the mis-spelt word -
 (a) memento (b) liaison (c) rehearsal (d) buoy.
74. Choose the mis-spelt word -
 (a) perceive (b) achieve (c) conceit (d) deceit.
75. Choose the mis-spelt word -
 (a) bizarre (b) athiest (c) minuscule (d) endeavour.

PART - B

1. Write an essay on *any one* of the topics listed below :
- (a) Life lessons from a pandemic
(b) NEP 2020 - prospects and challenges

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

It's hard to realise that I've been here all these years - forty summers and monsoons and winters and Himalayan springs - because, when I look back to the time of my first coming here, it really does seem like yesterday.

That probably sums it all up. Time passes, and yet it doesn't pass (it is only you and I who are passing). People come and go, the mountains remain. Mountains are permanent things. They are stubborn, they refuse to move. You can blast holes out of them for their mineral wealth; or strip them of their trees and foliage, or dam their streams and divert their torrents ; or make tunnels and roads and bridges ; but no matter how hard they try, humans cannot actually get rid of these mountains. That's what I like about them; they are here to stay.

I like to think that I have become a part of this mountain, this particular range, and that by living here for so long, I am able to claim a relationship with the trees, wild flowers, even the rocks that are an integral part of it. Yesterday, at twilight, when I passed beneath the canopy of oak leaves, I felt that I was a part of the forest. I put out my hand and touched the bark of an old tree and as I turned away, its leaves brushed against my face as if to acknowledge me.

One day I thought, if we trouble these great creatures too much, and hack away at them and destroy their young, they will simply uproot themselves and march away - whole forests on the move - over the next range and the next, far from the haunts of man. Over the years, I have seen many forests and green places dwindle and disappear.

Now there is an outcry. It is suddenly fashionable to be an environmentalist. That's all right. Perhaps it isn't too late to save the little that's left. They could start by curbing the property developers who have been spreading their tentacles far and wide.

But to me, as a writer, the mountains have been kind. They were kind from the beginning, when I threw up a job in Delhi and rented a small cottage on the outskirts of the hill station. Today, most hill - stations are rich men's playgrounds, but twenty - five years ago, they were places where people of modest means could live quite cheaply. There were very few cars and everyone walked about.

Questions :

- (a) What does the author mean by saying "that probably sums it all" ? 2
- (b) In what ways have man challenged the permanence of the mountains ? 2

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- (c) What kind of bond has the author shared with the mountains and the forest after spending forty years in their midst? 2
- (d) What concerns does the author have regarding deforestation of the mountains? 2
- (e) "It is suddenly fashionable to be an environmentalist". Discuss the tone of light sarcasm reflected in these lines. 2
- (f) Highlight the lines in the passage where you find the use of 2x2=4
(i) personification
(ii) imagery
- (g) Explain the following lines within the context of the passage : 2x2=4
(i) Spread tentacles far and wide
(ii) Rich men's playground
- (h) Provide a suitable title for the given passage. 2