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SUBJECT	MARK CARRIED BY EACH QUESTION / SUBJECT	NO. OF CORRECT ANSWERS	MARKS OBTAINED
GENERAL ENGLISH	2		
ESSAY WRITING	30	N.A.	
ENGLISH COMP.	20	N.A.	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

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**Note: Blank sheets provided should be used only for Essay Writing and Comprehension.**

**GENERAL ENGLISH (25 x 2 = 50 MARKS)**

**Directions (Questions 1-4): Choose the correct meaning of the given words.**

1. Meticulous
  - A. Very careful and with great attention to every detail. ( )
  - B. A person with extreme fear of germs and an obsession with cleanliness. ( )
  - C. Ability to make works of art that is developed for aesthetics purposes. ( )
  - D. Keen knowledge for numerical information on the world around them. ( )
  
2. Enigma
  - A. Someone or something that is puzzling or mysterious ( )
  - B. Someone who is not liked by people ( )
  - C. Something or someone that brings bad luck to people ( )
  - D. A topic that people avoid talking about ( )
  
3. Butterfly effect
  - A. Experience involving hearing sounds or voices that nobody else hears. ( )
  - B. A small event that can cause major events in the future. ( )
  - C. Getting great creative inspiration from something. ( )
  - D. Being unable to move out of fear. ( )
  
4. Ventriloquist
  - A. Highest-performing student of a graduating class of an academic institution ( )
  - B. A person who writes material for another author's book without getting credit ( )
  - C. A person who can make his voice appear to come from somewhere else ( )
  - D. A person who practices occult arts, such as magic, astrology, alchemy etc. ( )

**Directions (Questions 5-6): Select the most appropriate alternative to rewrite the given sentences in direct/indirect form.**

5. He was robbed of his money at gun point.
  - A. Robbers were robbing him at gun point. ( )
  - B. Robbers has robbed him of his money at gun point. ( )
  - C. Robber had been robbing him at gun point. ( )
  - D. Robbers robbed him of his money at gun point. ( )
  
6. He was winding his watch
  - A. His watch was being wound by him. ( )
  - B. His watch is being winded by him. ( )
  - C. His watch had been wounded by him. ( )
  - D. His watch was winding by him. ( )

**Directions (Questions 7-8): Choose the most appropriate option to rewrite the given sentence in active/passive voice.**

7. The doctor said, "Avoid greasy food for at least a month."  
 A. The doctor is telling the patient to avoid greasy food for a month. ( )  
 B. The doctor had advised the patient to be avoiding greasy food for a month. ( )  
 C. The doctor had been telling him to avoid greasy food. ( )  
 D. The doctor advised the patient to avoid greasy food for a month. ( )
8. John asked the policeman which the short-cut to the train station was.  
 A. John said to the policeman, "Which is the short-cut to the train station?" ( )  
 B. John asked, "Which is the short cut to the train station." to the officer. ( )  
 C. John asked to the policeman, "Which is the short-cut to the train station." ( )  
 D. John said, "I am asking you which is the short-cut to the train station?" ( )

**Directions (Questions 9-10): Choose the synonym of the given words.**

9. Epitome  
 A. Personification ( )      B. Expansion ( )  
 C. Repulsion ( )      D. Refusal ( )
10. Ajar  
 A. unlatched ( )      B. gaping ( )  
 C. close ( )      D. lenient ( )

**Directions (Questions 11-12): Choose the antonym of the given words.**

11. Artificial  
 A. Professional ( )      B. Natural ( )  
 C. Manufactured ( )      D. Cultivate ( )
12. Conceited  
 A. Composed ( )      B. Modest ( )  
 C. Undermined ( )      D. Obnoxious ( )

**Directions (Questions 13-16): Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks.**

13. If you had asked the teacher for more details, we \_\_\_\_\_ finished by now.  
 A. would have ( )      B. would ( )  
 C. wouldn't have ( )      D. could ( )
14. Don't forget to finish your work as I say, or there will be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. consequences ( )      B. controversial ( )  
 C. interactions ( )      D. promotion ( )
15. I was so tired yesterday that I \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as my head hit the pillow.  
 A. fell asleep ( )      B. am sleeping ( )  
 C. fall asleep ( )      D. sleep ( )

16. You have to return the books to the library; \_\_\_\_\_ is already past its due date.
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| A. in which | ( ) | B. one of which | ( ) |
| C. which of | ( ) | D. all of them  | ( ) |

**Directions (Questions 17-18): Find the word which has been spelled incorrectly.**

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| 17. A. Conjunction | ( ) | B. Hankerchief | ( ) |
| C. Irresponsible   | ( ) | D. Obnoxious   | ( ) |
| 18. A. Luscious    | ( ) | B. Pedantic    | ( ) |
| C. Hirarchy        | ( ) | D. Sadistic    | ( ) |

**Directions (Questions 19-22): Identify the correct meaning of the underlined idioms/phrases.**

19. The company's rank and file is fully in favour of the manager's requests.
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| A. Ordinary People | ( ) | B. Rules and regulations | ( ) |
| C. Legal documents | ( ) | D. High ranking leaders  | ( ) |
20. You won't finish your paper on time if you keep working by fits and starts.
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| A. by asking for help         | ( ) | B. barely fitting to the standard | ( ) |
| C. with anger and frustration | ( ) | D. in short periods, not regular  | ( ) |
21. Since no one is around, let's call a spade a spade and admit that the new employee is absolutely incompetent.
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| A. Speak frankly and directly           | ( ) |
| B. Undermining someone's efforts        | ( ) |
| C. Exposing someone of their wrongdoing | ( ) |
| D. Saying something pointless           | ( ) |
22. According to the board, the crux of the matter is the lack of teamwork and coordination.
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| A. The basic or critical point of an issue | ( ) |
| B. Something that cannot be explained      | ( ) |
| C. Details that are useless                | ( ) |
| D. Hero of the story                       | ( ) |

**Direction (Question 23): Choose the option to arrange the sentences in correct order.**

- (P) Volunteers are needed for preparations and to help with the Planning Club's fund raiser.
- (Q) Due to lack of budget and manpower, the Annual Music Festival has been postponed.
- (R) If interested, please contact the Head of Department. Your help will be appreciated.
- (S) Attention to all students in the Arts Department.
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| A. PQRS | ( ) | B. SRQP | ( ) |
| C. SQPR | ( ) | D. QRPS | ( ) |

**Direction (Question 24):** Some parts of the given sentence have been jumbled up. Rearrange them so as to produce the correct sentence.

24. With written words ideas can be passed on quickly

- (W) won by experience and hard work  
 (X) and knowledge.  
 (Y) then use the knowledge for their own purposes  
 (Z) can be passed on to others who can

- A. WXYZ ( )                      B. ZYXW ( )  
 C. XWZY ( )                      D. ZYWX ( )

**Direction (Question 25):** Choose the correct option to combine the sentences.

25. Lala told his father that he wanted to go abroad. He would finish his studies here.

- A. Lala told his father that he wanted to go abroad after he finished his studies here. ( )  
 B. Lala says to his father that he wanted to go abroad provided he finished his studies. ( )  
 C. After finishing his studies here, Lala told his father that he wanted to go abroad. ( )  
 D. Having finished his studies here, Lala wanted to go abroad and told his father so. ( )

### ESSAY WRITING (30 MARKS)

Write an essay on ANY ONE of the following topics in not more than 400 words:

1. My personal experience during the outbreak of Covid-19.
2. Relationship between satisfaction and productivity in an organization.
3. The problem of unemployment with special reference to Mizoram.

## ENGLISH COMPREHENSION (10 x 2 = 20 MARKS)

**Direction:** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Human body has a tremendous capacity to perform. It can go on and on for days without necessary food etc. and at the same time can perform much beyond our perceived expectations. Strange but true that the more we do, the more we can do and this goes on. Performance is not necessarily in the physical sense but in the intellectual sense also. In fact, the virus of productivity is infectious and can rapidly spread across the organization. When one is passionately involved about one's job he constantly gets new ideas to make things work better in various aspects of his life and work. It is a habit that's got to be set in the body and mind system and once it gets rooted in, it's an endless journey of enjoyment. A journey where the work transcends the conventional watertight limits. It's a state of mind that needs to be set in each individual for it is a win-win game.

*We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit. – Aristotle*

Our character, basically, is a composite of our habits. "Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny," the maxim goes. Habits are powerful factors in our lives. Because they are consistent, often unconscious patterns, they constantly, daily, express our character and produce our effectiveness or ineffectiveness.

In a sense, perseverance is related to our ability to delay gratification, self-regulate, and practice self-control. All of these are required to honour our commitment to a longer term goal. Perseverance means that we prioritize sustainable future rewards over short-term pleasures in the present. We come across several instances where a person did not achieve something which the other got simply, because he did not try longer. Not necessarily harder, just longer. So often the prize is lost because we did not persevere. Wealth, talent, genius and education are good, but cannot and will not take the place of one who is tenaciously persistent. In difficult times that we live today, it is the persistent approach that bears the fruit. It is persistence that helps in achieving our dreams.

- (i) What do you understand by the term 'perseverance'?
- (ii) What is the "win-win game" that this passage talks about?
- (iii) In the first paragraph, what is the synonym of 'execution'?
- (iv) What is the synonym of 'saying' in the second paragraph?
- (v) In the last paragraph, find the synonym of 'cases'?
- (vi) Who or what is it that wealth, talent, genius and education cannot take the place of?
- (vii) It is a habit that's got to be set in the body and mind system. Why?
- (viii) Why do habits express our character?
- (ix) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.
- (x) What is it that bears fruit and helps to achieve one's dream?