

**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF LOWER  
DIVISION CLERK UNDER DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE & TRIBAL AFFAIRS,  
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PAPER - I**

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Full Mark: 200

**PART A – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (Questions: 1-50):** *This Section should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet provided. All questions carry equal marks of 2 each. Attempt all questions.*

1. Khelo India University Games 2023 Men's Football tournament was held in which state?  
(a) Nagaland (c) Mizoram  
(b) Sikkim (d) Kolkata
2. Which of the following person from Mizoram was awarded Padma Shri Award, 2024?  
(a) Sangthankima (c) C. Kamlova  
(b) K.C.Runremsangi (d) Lalzuia Colney
3. 'Operation Ginger -2024' is a flagship programme of which department under Government of Mizoram?  
(a) Horticulture Department (c) Sericulture Department  
(b) Agriculture Department (d) Tourism Department
4. Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) run by Social Welfare & Tribal Affairs Department provides-  
(a) Skill training for underprivileged women (c) Course training for geriatric care  
(b) Free education to tribal students (d) Free mid-day meals for elementary students
5. Khuhhriang, a cooking tool used by the Mizo is-  
(a) A large spoon used for stirring curry or soup. (c) A tool for shaping wood and splitting bamboo.  
(b) A wooden plate used to share food where several people could eat from the same plate. (d) A round earthenware saucer that can serve as a lid for cooking pots and a bowl for serving vegetables, meat, etc.
6. Which of the following is not a flower?  
(a) Zamzo (c) Chauilo  
(b) Artukkhuan (d) Chhawrvel
7. A spirit believed to be gentle and non-harmful is called-

- (a) Tulum (c) Maimi  
(b) Sihhuai (d) Phung
8. Who introduced Subsidiary Alliance System in administration to establish the British power over Indian States?  
(a) Warren Hastings (c) Lord Cornwallis  
(b) Lord Wellesley (d) Lord Dalhousie
9. The book Indica was written by  
(a) Seleucas (c) Kalidas  
(b) Megasthenes (d) Pliny
10. Which of the following languages is used in the inscriptions of Ashoka?  
(a) Pali (c) Sanskrit  
(b) Prakrit (d) Apabhramsa
11. Who among the following Gupta kings had another name Devagupta?  
(a) Chandragupta I (c) Chandragupta II  
(b) Samudragupta (d) Kumargupta
12. Which building constructed in India by the British was known as White Town?  
(a) Fort William (Calcutta) (c) St. George (Madras)  
(b) Residency (Lucknow) (d) Victoria Memorial (Calcutta)
13. Who among the following was the first Governor General of India?  
(a) Robert Clive (c) Lord William Bentinck  
(b) Lord Canning (d) Lord Wellesley
14. The colour of the star is an indication of its-  
(a) Distance from the earth (c) Temperature  
(b) Distance from the sun (d) Luminosity
15. When the earth is at its maximum distance from the sun it is said to be in-  
(a) aphelion (c) apogee  
(b) perihelion (d) perigee
16. The mouth of a volcano is known as-  
(a) Glacier (c) Crater  
(b) Cone (d) Pip
17. The largest volume and mass of the earth is found in

- (a) Crust
- (b) Mantle
- (c) Outer core
- (d) Inner core

18. Which one of the following describes the Lithosphere?

- (a) Upper and lower mantle
- (b) Crust and upper mantle
- (c) Crust and core
- (d) Mantle and core

19. Doldrums are characterized by-

- (a) Uniform high pressure
- (b) Uniform low pressure
- (c) High wind velocity
- (d) High humidity

20. Which article of the constitution allows the centre to form new states?

- (a) Article 3
- (b) Article 5
- (c) Article 4
- (d) Article 6

21. Which article of Indian Constitution deals with amendment procedure?

- (a) Article 268
- (b) Article 356
- (c) Article 352
- (d) Article 368

22. Which term is not used in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution?

- (a) Republic
- (b) Integrity
- (c) Federal
- (d) Socialist

23. According to the Constitution of India, which one of the following rights cannot be taken away during emergency?

- (a) Right to speak
- (b) Right to freedom of movement
- (c) Right to life
- (d) Right to organize

24. Which of the following Fundamental Rights is / are available to non-citizens?

- (1) Equality before Law
- (2) Right against Discrimination
- (3) Equality of Opportunity
- (4) Protection of Life and Personal Liberty

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 4
- (d) 2 and 3

25. Right to Information in India is a

- (a) Fundamental Right  
(b) Legal Right  
(c) Both Fundamental and Legal Rights  
(d) Neither Fundamental nor Legal Right
26. Which one of the following states is the first state to impose Agriculture Income Tax in India?  
(a) Madhya Pradesh  
(b) Uttar Pradesh  
(c) West Bengal  
(d) Bihar
27. Which one of the following is not a tax/duty levied by the Government of India?  
(a) Service Tax  
(b) Education  
(c) Custom Duty  
(d) Toll Tax
28. Which one among the following is not a chemical change?  
(a) Curding of Milk  
(b) Ripening of fruit  
(c) Evaporation of water  
(d) Burning of Coal
29. Which of the following plant hormone is mainly responsible for fruit ripening?  
(a) Cytokinin  
(b) Abscissic acid  
(c) Ethylene  
(d) None of these
30. In India, one-rupee coins and notes and subsidiary coins are issued by  
(a) The Reserve Bank of India  
(b) The Central Government  
(c) The State Bank of India  
(d) The Unit Trust of India
31. Which of the following fixes the poverty line in India?  
(a) Central Council of Ministers  
(b) Lok Sabha  
(c) Rajya Sabha  
(d) NITI Aayog
32. The impact of the Green Revolution was felt most in the production of-  
(a) rice  
(b) pulses  
(c) oilseeds  
(d) wheat
33. Which of the following are the incorrect statements about 'Keystone species'?
1. Keystone species are the small-sized plants and organisms which have large effect on the environment.
  2. Keystone species play critical role in maintaining the structure of an ecological community.
  3. Keystone species do not generally affect other organisms.
- (a) 1 and 2  
(b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3  
(d) All are correct
34. India's first National Centre for Marine Biodiversity (NCMB) is located in which city?

- (a) Bhavnagar
- (b) Jamnagar

- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Puducherry

35. When a ship floats on water-

- (a) it displaces no water
- (b) the mass of water displaced is equal to the mass of the ship

- (c) the mass of water displaced is lesser than the mass of the ship
- (d) the mass of water displaced is greater than the mass of the ship

36. When light passes from one medium to another medium, which one of the following does not change?

- (a) Intensity
- (b) Velocity

- (c) Wavelength
- (d) Frequency

37. Sound cannot travel through-

- (a) solids
- (b) liquids

- (c) gases
- (d) vacuum

38. The measure of the friction of fluids is known as

- (a) resistance
- (b) capacitance

- (c) viscosity
- (d) inductance

39. A swimming pool looks shallower than it really is, when seen by a person standing outside near it, because of the phenomenon of

- (a) refraction of light
- (b) reflection of light

- (c) dispersion of light
- (d) None of these

40. When a body is taken from the earth to the moon

- (a) its weight increases
- (b) its weight decreases

- (c) its weight remains unchanged
- (d) it becomes completely weightless

41. Refrigeration helps in food preservation by

- (a) killing the germs
- (b) reducing the rate of biochemical reactions

- (c) destroying enzyme action
- (d) sealing the food with a layer of ice

42. "Radioactive dating" is a technique which can be used to measure-

- (a) the age of rocks
- (b) colour of rocks

- (c) composition of rocks
- (d) weight of rocks

43. Which one of the following vitamins has a role in blood clotting?

- (a) Vitamin A  
(b) Vitamin D
- (c) Vitamin E  
(d) Vitamin K
44. Food becomes..... due to bile juice.  
(a) Acidic  
(b) Alkaline  
(c) Neutral  
(d) First neutral and then acidic
45. Which of the following disease is caused by Protozoa?  
(a) Malaria  
(b) Cholera  
(c) Jaundice  
(d) None of these
46. Which of the following country/countries successfully inserted a spacecraft into Mars orbit by maiden attempt?  
(a) USA  
(b) USA and Russia  
(c) India  
(d) China
47. Who amongst the following is the first Indian woman to be nominated to the International Olympic Committee?  
(a) Nita Ambani  
(b) Anjum Chopra  
(c) Mithali Raj  
(d) Chanda Kochar
48. How many medals did India win at the Paris Olympics 2024?  
(a) 6  
(b) 8  
(c) 4  
(d) 2
49. Which state has recently introduced Artificial Intelligence (AI) learning in the Class 7 ICT textbooks?  
(a) Tamil Nadu  
(b) Gujarat  
(c) Kerala  
(d) Maharashtra
50. What is the name of the aerial exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force across the northeastern states?  
(a) Poorvi Akash  
(b) Sampriti  
(c) Vikas  
(d) Sudharshan

**PART A – GENERAL ENGLISH (Questions : 51-75) :** *This Section should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet provided. All questions carry equal marks of 2 each. Attempt all questions.*

51. Hmuaka is \_\_\_\_\_ hardworking entrepreneur ( choose the correct article)

- a) a
- b) an
- c) the
- d) None of the above

52. Kimi is \_\_\_\_\_ than Puii ( choose the correct degree of comparison)

- a) pretty
- b) prettier
- c) prettiest
- d) All of the above

53. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ a raise in prices. ( choose the correct verb)

- a) expect
- b) expected
- c) expecting
- d) expects

54. We are living a hard life ( Change the voice)

- a) A hard life is lived by us
- b) A hard life had been lived by us
- c) A hard life is being lived by us
- d) A hard life has been lived by us

55. There was a bridge \_\_\_\_\_ the river. ( Choose the correct preposition)

- a) in
- b) over
- c) upon
- d) across

56. The correct meaning of “ Abstain” is

- a) To fulfill
- b) To confirm
- c) To keep away
- d) To adjust

57. He is poor \_\_\_\_\_ he is honest ( Choose the most suitable conjunction)

- a) and
- b) while
- c) but
- d) yet

58. The correct antonym of ‘fresh’ is-

- a) Ripe
- b) Stale
- c) Stall
- d) Crisp

59. The correct synonym of ‘ perception’ is-

- a) Discern
- b) Disdain
- c) Approach
- d) Consciousness

60. ‘Birds of a feather’ flock together ( identify the kind of phrase)

- a) Adverb phrase
- b) Adjective phrase
- c) Noun phrase
- d) Pronoun phrase

61. Siami did not know what to do ( identify the kind of clause)
- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| a) Pronoun clause | c) Noun clause      |
| b) Adverb clause  | d) Adjective clause |
62. Jereziah \_\_\_\_ his kids to the park every weekend (choose the correct form of verb)
- |           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| a) drive  | c) is driving |
| b) drives | d) drove      |
63. The children \_\_\_\_ loudly during the football game. ( choose the correct form of the verb)
- |            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| a) cheer   | c) is cheering  |
| b) cheered | d) was cheering |
64. He said, "I shall go as soon as it is possible". ( change the form of speech)
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| a) He said that he will go as soon as it is possible  | c) He said that he should go as soon as it is possible |
| b) He said that he would go as soon as it is possible | d) He said that he would go as soon as it was possible |
65. It is no joke ( choose the correct part of speech for the underlined word)
- |            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| a) Adverb  | c) Adjective |
| b) Pronoun | d) Noun      |
66. Are you impatient with the lark \_\_\_\_ he sings rather than talks
- |           |          |
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| a) that   | c) but   |
| b) though | d) while |
67. Choose the correct spelling
- |               |                |
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| a) Accomodate | c) Accommodate |
| b) Acommodate | d) Acomodate   |
68. ALERT ( choose the word which best expresses the meaning)
- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| a) Kinetic   | c) Watchful    |
| b) Energetic | d) Intelligent |
69. He is a man of \_\_\_\_ words ( choose the most appropriate pronouns)
- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| a) little | c) a little |
| b) few    | d) a few    |
70. \_\_\_\_\_ comes is welcome ( choose the most appropriate pronouns)
- |        |              |
|--------|--------------|
| a) Who | c) Whichever |
| b) He  | d) Whoever   |



71. The godown is infested \_\_ rats ( choose the most suitable preposition)
- a) by
  - b) with
  - c) in
  - d) upon
72. He spoke \_\_\_\_ English so it was difficult to communicate with him ( choose the most appropriate determiners)
- a) few
  - b) little
  - c) short
  - d) None of the above
73. Swami said that she is going home the next day ( change into direct speech)
- a) Swami said “ I am going home the next day”.
  - b) Swami said “ I am going home tomorrow”.
  - c) Swami said “ I will be going home the next day”.
  - d) Swami said “ I would go home tomorrow”.
74. The idiom ‘all and sundry’ means-
- a) To include everyone
  - b) To keep out of the sun
  - c) To bathe in the sun
  - d) To stand in the sun
75. The idiom ‘a man of parts’ means-
- a) An able person
  - b) A person with great interest
  - c) A man of words
  - d) The body parts of a man

## PART B

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

*Attempt all questions.*

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

### ESSAY WRITING

- I. Write an Essay on any one (1) of the following topics: **(20 marks)**
- (a) Women safety in India
  - (b) Social Media and the Right to Freedom of Speech
  - (c) Role of religion in Mizoram

### ENGLISH COMPREHENSION

**(30 marks)**

- II. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The human species is, in a word, an environmental abnormality. It is possible that intelligence in the wrong kind of species was foreordained to be a fatal combination for the biosphere. Perhaps a law of evolution is that intelligence usually extinguishes itself. This admittedly dour scenario is based on what can be termed the juggernaut theory of human nature, which holds that people are programmed by their genetic heritage to be so selfish that a sense of global responsibility will come too late. Individuals place themselves first, family second, tribe third and the rest of the world a distant fourth. Their genes also predispose them to plan ahead for one or two generations at most. They fret over the petty problems and conflicts of their daily lives and respond swiftly and often ferociously to slight challenges to their status and tribal security. But oddly, as psychologists have discovered, people also tend to underestimate both the likelihood and impact of such natural disasters as major earthquakes and great storms. The reason for this myopic fog, evolutionary biologists contend, is that it was actually advantageous during all but the last few millennia of the two million years of existence of the genus Homo. The brain evolved into its present form during this long stretch of evolutionary time, during which people existed in small, preliterate hunter-gatherer bands. Life was precarious and short. A premium was placed on close attention to the near future and early reproduction, and time else. Disasters of a magnitude that occur only once every few centuries were forgotten or transmuted into myth. So today the mind still works comfortably backward and forward for only a few years, spanning a period not exceeding one or two generations.

- (a) Choose the synonym of the given words, as used in the above passage, from the options provided. **(5x2= 10 marks)**

i) fatal

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| (a) benign        | (c) heavy       |
| (b) lethal        | (d) amiable     |
| ii) extinguish    |                 |
| (a) ignite        | (c) kindle      |
| (b) erupt         | (d) annihilate  |
| iii) foreordained |                 |
| (a) decreed       | (c) fortuitous  |
| (b) accidental    | (d) subordinate |
| iv) petty         |                 |
| (a) beautiful     | (c) trivial     |
| (b) firm          | (d) serious     |
| v) precarious     |                 |
| (a) stable        | (c) smart       |
| (b) careful       | (d) fragile     |

2. Answer the following questions: (5x2= 10)

- i) What is inevitable to be a fatal combination for the biosphere?
- ii) What is termed as the juggernaut theory of human nature?
- iii) According to the passage, what is the four sequences of an individual's priority?
- iv) As discovered by psychologists, what do people tend to underestimate?
- v) What incidents were forgotten or transmuted into myth?

3. After reading the passage, state whether the following statements are **true or false**.  
(10x1 = 10 marks)

- i) Environmentally, the human species is well balanced.
- ii) Intelligence obliterates on its own.
- iii) People are naturally inclined to be egocentric due to their genetic inheritance.
- iv) Genetically, people are inclined to plan far ahead for many generations.
- v) People usually minimise the likelihood and impact of natural disasters.
- vi) The present form of the human brain is a result of a short period of evolution.
- vii) Before the last few millennia, life was fragile and brief.
- viii) In the olden days, not much importance was given to focusing on the near future and reproduction.
- ix) Rare disasters that happen once every few centuries were forgotten or fictionalised.
- x) After years of evolution, the human mind can now navigate through unlimited span of years.