

**GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
(SECRETARIAT ADMINISTRATION WING)**

**EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF
LOWER DIVISION CLERK - 2024**

Full Mark: 200 marks; Time allowed: 3 hours

**PAPER - I
BOOKLET SERIES 'D'**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Part-A should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet. It contains 75 multiple choice questions. Each question carries 2 marks.
2. Part-B carries 50 marks and shall be answered in the plain Answer Sheet.

PART A

(GENERAL KNOWLEDGE)

1. What is the minimum age requirement for an individual to be eligible to serve as a Governor of a state in India?
(A) 25 (B) 30 (C) 35 (D) 45
2. The number of sex chromosomes in the zygote of human beings is:
(A) 4 (B) 3 (C) 2 (D) 1
3. Who is considered as the father of modern economics?
(A) Adam Smith (B) Milton Friedman
(C) Karl Marx (D) Alfred Marshall
4. Green Channel was first launched by:
(A) Bank of Baroda (B) State Bank of India
(C) Punjab National Bank (D) None of the above
5. When was the Lushai Hills District of Assam renamed as the Mizo Hills District?
(A) 1954 (B) 1955 (C) 1947 (D) 1959
6. How many wildlife sanctuaries are there in Mizoram?
(A) 5 (B) 6 (C) 7 (D) 8
7. What is the new species of snake recently found in Mizoram?
(A) Sniidophilis Mizoram
(C) Echis Carinaus (B) Sniidophilis Mizoramensis
(D) Pnyas Mucosa
8. The Constitution of India was framed by the _____
(A) British (B) Constituent Assembly
(C) President (D) Working Committee

9. Weber is the unit of:
(A) Magnetic flux
(C) Magnetic flux density
(B) Electronic conductance
(D) None of the above
10. Which is the effect of increase in the temperature on the surface tension of the liquid?
(A) It increases
(C) It remains the same
(B) It decreases
(D) None of the above
11. Which among the following is the oldest dynasty:
(A) Kushan
(B) Gupta
(C) Maurya
(D) Kanva
12. Who was the main architect who designed the 'Taj Mahal'?
(A) M. Hussain
(B) Shah Abbas
(C) Ustad-Ahmed
(D) Ustad-Isa
13. The silver coin 'Tanka' was introduced by _____.
(A) Akbar
(B) Humayun
(C) Balban
(D) Jhalangir
14. Who was the first Superintendent of the Lushai Hills District?
(A) J. Shakespeare
(B) HWG Cole
(C) GH Looch
(D) LO Clarke
15. In India, legal sovereignty is vested with the _____.
(A) President
(B) Cabinet
(C) Judiciary
(D) Constitution
16. Separation of Judiciary is provided in which part of the Indian Constitution?
(A) Directive Principles of State Policy
(C) Fundamental Rights
(B) Preamble
(D) Sixth Scheduled
17. How many Fundamental Duties are listed in the Indian Constitution?
(A) Ten
(B) Eleven
(C) Twelve
(D) Thirteen
18. Which Article protects social practices of the Mizos from Acts of Parliament?
(A) Article 14
(B) Article 50
(C) Article 351
(D) Article 371G
19. Who elected the Speaker of the State Assembly in Mizoram?
(A) MLAs
(B) Governor
(C) Chief Minister
(D) Citizens
20. Asteroids have their orbit between which planets?
(A) Venus and Earth
(C) Mars and Jupiter
(B) Earth and Mars
(D) Jupiter and Saturn
21. Breaking down of rocks in situ is known as _____.
(A) Erosion
(B) Weathering
(C) Friction
(D) Degradation
22. The Mizo, Naga, Khasi and Garo hills are located in the _____ ranges.
(A) Karakoram
(B) Purvanchal
(C) Himachal
(D) Shivalik
23. Which wildlife sanctuary has the project to conserve the rhinos in India?
(A) Periyar
(B) Simlipal
(C) Ranthambhore
(D) Kaziranga
24. Which of the following notified town lies at the southern-most part of Mizoram?
(A) Lawngtlai
(B) Siaha
(C) Tabung
(D) Chawngte

25. If the price of an inferior good falls, its demand _____.
- (A) rises (B) falls (C) increase (D) remains constant
26. Poverty in India is measured through which of the following criteria?
- (A) Education level (B) Types of residence
(C) Intake of calories (D) Family size
27. Which of the following sector pays the highest tax in India?
- (A) Industrial (B) Agriculture (C) Transport (D) Wine making
28. Which of the following is most elastic?
- (A) Copper (B) Plastic (C) Clay (D) Steel
29. Washing machine works on the principle of _____.
- (A) Centrifugation (B) Diffusion (C) Dialysis (D) Osmosis
30. Which is the gas most commonly used in fire extinguisher?
- (A) Nitrogen (B) Neon (C) Bromine (D) Carbon dioxide
31. Which cells in human body produces antibodies?
- (A) RBC (B) Neutrophils (C) Lymphocytes (D) Platelets
32. In which of the following fields Nobel Prize is not given?
- (A) Physics (B) Mathematics (C) Chemistry (D) Medicine
33. The full form of ZORO is _____.
- (A) Zo Reform Organization (B) Zo Re-unification Organization
(C) Zo Haan Reform Organization (D) Zoram Re-unification Organization
34. Who is known as the Saint of the Gutters?
- (A) Mahatma Gandhi (B) Rabindranath Tagore
(C) Mother Teresa (D) Father Patrick
35. Mpox, which was recently seen in news, is caused by _____.
- (A) Virus (B) Bacteria (C) Fungus (D) Protozoan
36. How many silver medal(s) was/were won by India in the Paris Olympics, 2024?
- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 4 (D) 6
37. Which country was given a seat in the recent 79th Session of the UN General Assembly?
- (A) Afghanistan (B) Sudan (C) Yemen (D) Palestine
38. Which is the MAL Book of the Year for 2023?
- (A) Hniak Hlu (B) Ratiang Rimawi
(C) Pangparhima (D) Hringun Hruahrai
39. What is the meaning of the Mizo poetical word 'laisuif'?
- (A) a letter (B) the middle part (C) a gun (D) to grab firmly
40. Which of the following is not a type of grave in earlier Mizo society?
- (A) Lungkuang (B) Zaudawh (C) Tanhrang (D) Khaukhurbh

41. In which type of building should we find 'awboka' in earlier Mizo society?
 (A) Zawlbuk (B) Lal in (C) Hmeitlan in (D) Thangchhuah in
42. To be prosperous in animal hunting, the Mizos used to perform a ritual known as –
 (A) Fano daw (B) Kawngpai siam
 (C) Dawmo chhu (D) Sukung phun
43. Which country has recently launched its first space agency and plans to make a Mars landing by 2045?
 (A) South Korea (B) India (C) Malaysia (D) China
44. Which state has recently become the first to implement the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)?
 (A) Maharashtra (B) Tamil Nadu (C) Kerala (D) Gujarat
45. Which Indian scripture has stood the test of time and is considered to be the oldest surviving sacred text?
 (A) Atharvaveda (B) Mahabharata (C) Rigveda (D) Arthashastra
46. Who is known as the Father of the Indian Constitution?
 (A) Jawaharlal Nehru (B) Vallabhbhai Patel
 (C) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar (D) None of the above
47. Where was the Indus Valley Civilization primarily centered in terms of modern-day geography?
 (A) Pakistan (B) Iran (C) China (D) None of the above
48. In which year was the Satyagraha Movement started by Mahatma Gandhi?
 (A) 1917 (B) 1914 (C) 1942 (D) 1926
49. Consumer Protection Act 1986 is replaced by:
 (A) Protection of Consumer Act, 2019 (B) Consumer Protection and Act, 2019
 (C) Consumer Protection Act, 2019 (D) None of the above
50. The Prime Minister is appointed by which one of the following?
 (A) Attorney General of India (B) Vice-president of India
 (C) Chief Justice of India (D) President of India

(GENERAL ENGLISH)

Direction (questions 51 & 53): Change the voice:

51. They would have told you. (B) You would have been told.
 (A) You would have told them. (D) They would tell you.
 (C) You would tell them.
52. A lemon tastes sour. (B) It is said lemon tastes sour.
 (A) A lemon is sour when tasted. (D) A lemon tasted sour.
 (C) Sour is the taste of lemon.
53. Finish the work in time. (B) Let me finish the work in time.
 (A) Let the work finish in time. (D) Let the work be finished in time.
 (C) The work must be finished in time.

Direction (question 54 to 56): Identify the part of speech of the underlined word.

54. Cars that run fast should not be driven slowly.
(A) adjective (B) conjunction
(C) adverb (D) verb
55. There should be severe punishment for rule breakers.
(A) adjective (B) adverb
(C) verb (D) pronoun
56. Bravo! Well done players.
(A) conjunction (B) interjection
(C) adjective (D) adverb

Direction (questions 57 to 59): Choose the correct preposition:

57. He struck a dog _____ a stick.
(A) with (B) by (C) in (D) over
58. Don't hanker _____ money and fame.
(A) over (B) on (C) after (D) about
59. Sangi blushed _____ the mention of her lover's name.
(A) on (B) with (C) in (D) at

Direction (questions 60 to 62): Choose the correct article:

60. It is difficult to get a taxi at such _____ hour as it is already 11 p.m.
(A) a (B) an (C) the (D) no article needed
61. My uncle is _____ M.L.A.
(A) a (B) an (C) the (D) no article needed
62. An apple a day keeps _____ doctor away.
(A) a (b) an (C) the (D) no article needed

Direction (questions 63 & 64): Choose the correct form of verb:

63. Look! Zuail _____ to the edge of the cliff.
(A) goes (B) is going (C) went (D) has gone
64. Sangra _____ the letter last evening.
(A) writes (B) has written (C) wrote (D) had written

Direction (questions 65 & 66): Choose the antonym of the word:

65. aversion
(A) apathy (B) affliction (C) reliable (D) complaint
66. endeavour
(A) aspire (B) dignity (C) cease (D) action

Direction (questions 67 to 70): Choose the correct usage from the alternatives that follows:

67. Man hardly acts if there is no _____ before him
(A) stimulus (B) stimulant (C) stimulate (D) none of these
68. None of us have gone there, _____?
(A) haven't we (B) have we (C) didn't we (D) did we
69. Mawzi's flute _____ was highly appreciated.
(A) recital (B) play (C) singing (D) recitation
70. I think he is from Japan, _____?
(A) is he (B) isn't he (C) he is (D) none of these

Direction (questions 71 to 73): Choose the appropriate meaning of the phrase:

71. "to fall flat"
(A) to obey (B) to have no effect (C) to carry (D) to quarrel
72. "hold water"
(A) valid (B) strong will (C) support (D) extinguish
73. "lean and mean"
(A) using only what is necessary (B) running slow and steady
(C) a dangerous situation (D) to create something useful

Direction (questions 74 to 75): Choose the synonym of the word:

74. obsolete
(A) obsessed (B) contemporary
(C) contradict (D) antiquated
75. elusive
(A) slippery (B) available
(C) convenient (D) eligible

PART B

1. **Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 400 words: (20 marks)**

- (a) Importance of punctuality in workplace.
(b) Good governance
(c) Religion and Politics

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

We do not realise adequately to what extent our minds are moulded by books we read especially in youth. We have several means by which we acquire knowledge today i.e. radio, cinema, newspaper, TV, mobile phone etc. But reading of books is the most ancient and effective of them all. Reading a book is different from mechanised instruction. We are never alone when we have books as our companions.

A great writer has said that religion is what a man does with his solitariness. It is not merely religion but art and literature, scientific discoveries and technological inventions that are the outcome of what a man does with his solitariness. In the modern world, we tend to be gregarious beings. When we have a little leisure, we run to parties, clubs or other social activities. We are afraid to be alone, afraid to stand and stare, much less to sit and think. We are happy with others, not with ourselves. Reading a book gives us the habit of solitary reflection and true enjoyment.

- (i) Choose the synonym of the following words from the passage: **(2x5 = 10 marks)**
(a) sufficiently (b) shaped (c) sociable (d) gaze (e) image
- (ii) What is the best means of acquiring knowledge? **(5 marks)**
- (iii) How does solitariness shape human history? **(5 marks)**
- (iv) What are the natures of a modern man? **(5 marks)**
- (v) What are the benefits of reading books? **(5 marks)**