

Sikkim Public Service Commission

Main Written Examination for the Post of
Assistant Director (Fisheries) & WDO/HDO/ADO

Paper - I

General English & G. K.

Time Allowed : 2 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 100

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Paper - I
Section - A

Read the following following passage carefully and choose the correct Answer from the given options :-

India is chiefly an agricultural land. The cultivation of crops depends on a proper supply of water throughout the year. Since olden times, large parts of our country have suffered from occasional periods of too much rain and those of drought. People have known that if surplus flood water could be stored away for use during the dry season, these problems will be solved. Unfortunately, they had neither the knowledge nor the means to do much in this direction. Whatever little they knew, they tried to put into practice. They dug canals to drain water from perennial rivers. This was heavy and expensive work and practicable over only a small area. Large tanks were excavated and small dams built to hold back floods. But it was not possible to do anything on a countrywide scale.

1. **The term 'perennial' means**
A. rivers flowing into canals B. flowing once a year
C. flowing throughout the year D. flowing during the monsoon
2. **How has our country suffered since olden times?**
A. It has suffered due to the zamindari system
B. It has suffered from heavy rains or severe droughts
C. It has suffered under the British Rule
D. It has suffered due to the caste system
3. **Why were the people unable to solve the problem?**
A. Absence of will power
B. They were indifferent to the problem
C. They lacked knowledge and the means to solve the problem
D. Inadequate finance
4. **'Excavated' means -**
A. to fill
B. to make caves
C. to dig
D. to flood

5. India's economy is chiefly -

- A. Socialistic
- B. Industrial
- C. Mixed
- D. Agricultural

Choose the correct antonyms of the following:

6 **Discrepancy**

- A. Inconsistency
- B. Consistency
- C. Variance
- D. Inappropriate

7. **Relinquish**

- A. Abdicate
- B. Renounce
- C. Possess
- D. Deny

8. **Aversion**

- A. Relish
- B. Ardor
- C. Desire
- D. Voracity

9. **Kindle**

- A. Invoke
- B. Awaken
- C. Lavish
- D. Put off

10. **Glum**

- A. Friendly
- B. Desire
- C. Gloomy
- D. Sour

In the following question a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternative suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Activevoice.

11. **My captors were taking me to prison.**
A. I was taken to prison by my captors.
B. My captors took me to prison.
C. I was being taken to prison by my captors.
D. My captors had taken me to prison.
12. **May God bless you with happiness.**
A. May you blessed with happiness.
B. May you be blessed with happiness.
C. May you have been blessed with happiness.
D. You may be blessed with happiness.
13. **I will never forget this experience.**
A. This experience is not forgotten by me.
B. This experience would never be forgotten by me.
C. This experience will never be forgotten by me.
D. This experience I will never forget.
14. **Have you finish the report?**
A. Has the report finished by you?
B. Has the report been finished by you?
C. Had the report been finished by you?
D. Have you finished the report?
15. **Who did this?**
A. By whom was this done?
B. Who has done this?
C. This was done by whom?
D. Was this done by you?

Choose the appropriate word to fill in the blanks:

16. **I don't know how we are going to get to the airport. We will have to _____ for a taxi to come.**
A. plan
B. arrange

C. book

D. hire

17. If you were a _____ person, you would not have left me waiting for you in the rain for an hour.

A. polite

B. considerate

C. kind

D. humorous

18. I don't think Nima is _____. Diki is at home with him.

A. lonely

B. solitary

C. unsociable

D. alone

19. The company didn't have any _____ opening shops in Gangtok and Siliguri. So they closed after four weeks.

A. profit

B. success

C. victory

D. winnings

20. If you don't like the soup, why don't you _____ to the waiter and he can bring you another one.

A. complain

B. protest

C. criticise

D. insult

In the following questions a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect Speech. Out of four alternative suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

21. He said, "Alas! I am undone."

A. He said that he is undone.

B. He exclaimed sadly that he was undone.

C. He said sadly that he is undone.

D. He is undone, he said.

22. He said, "The horse died in the night."

A. He said that the horse died in the night.

B. The horse was dead in the night.

C. He said that the horse had died in the night.

D. He told that the horse was dead in the night.

23. He said, "Will you listen to such a man?"

A. He asked them whether they would listen to such a man.

B. He said if you would listen to such a man.

C. He asked whether you would listen to such a man.

D. He told if he wanted to listen to that man.

Choose the correct tenses to fill in the blanks:

24. Before you go to see him, he _____ the house.

A. will have left

B. will leave

C. was leaving

D. has have been leaving

25. The baby _____ all morning.

A. cries

B. is crying

C. has been crying

D. will be crying

Choose the correct options given bellow :-

26. When I was a child, we played in the streets. There were few cars in those days.

A. The parents were careless

B. The children were careless

C. The streets were safe to play

D. The cars didn't disturb the games

27. **Barely a year after its transition from Communist to dictatorship to democracy the country's economy is on the verge of collapse.**
- A. The transition from Communism to Democracy took a year.
 - B. The economy collapsed after a year of transition
 - C. The collapse was directly due to the transition
 - D. The country's economy will find it impossible to recover
28. **By the time he wrote his third novel, he was no longer married.**
- A. He was not married when writing his third novel
 - B. When he was unmarried he wrote three books
 - C. He wrote his third novel and got married.
 - D. He married while writing his third book.
29. **Contrary to popular assumption, slavery was not usually based on racism, but many other factors.**
- A. The cause of slavery is not racism.
 - B. The assumptions are popular.
 - C. Slavery is not based on racism alone.
 - D. Slavery and racism are interrelated.
30. **Sunita will meet Nathu at the usual place unless it rains or she cannot come.**
- A. Sunita and Nathu may meet.
 - B. Sunita and Nathu will meet.
 - C. Sunit and Nathu should meet.
 - D. Sunita and Nathu are likely not to meet.

Choose the correct word/ phrase to complete the sentences :-

31. **Amina is never satisfied with anything. She's always _____**
- A. disgruntled
 - B. unpleasant
 - C. irritated
 - D. sour
32. **I have been given _____ orders not to allow anyone inside the Direct**
- A. standing
 - B. heavy
 - C. instant
 - D. personal

33. "Oh, but you must stay for some more time!" Anu's friend _____ when she went to visit her.
- A. requested
 - B. pleaded
 - C. retorted
 - D. groveled
34. Grandmother always turns _____ the TV when she comes in since she is a bit hard of hearing.
- A. upto
 - B. in
 - C. up
 - D. into
35. The cowherd took a _____ of cattle to the fields.
- A. flight
 - B. pack
 - C. drove
 - D. convoy

Choose the word that sounds different

- 36.
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| A. douse | B. louse |
| C. house | D. rouse |
- 37.
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| A. raise | B. maize |
| C. phase | D. paise |
- 38.
- | | |
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| A. ruse | B. muse |
| C. fuse | D. hues |

Choose the word /phrase which means the same as the underlined word/ phrase.

39. The large property was a bone of contention for the whole family.
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| A. subject of anger | B. subject of disagreement |
| C. subject of unhappiness | D. subject of greed |

40. Eliminating salt from the diet is a prudent, sensible decision for people with high blood pressure.

A. healthy

B. advisable

C. good

D. safe

Choose the correct options to complete the given passage.

An unusual case was heard in the High Court some time ago. A football referee asked the judge to make the Football League _____ (41) him again. The League stopped him refereeing _____ (42) after a game when he sent four players off the field. He said he had bought a shop _____ (43) free to _____ (44) necessary while he was working _____ (45) referee _____ (46) Saturdays. He had even shown more interest _____ (47) football than in his children, _____ (48) had suffered as a result. The League said that they had sacked him because neither their inspectors _____ (49) the football clubs thought he was _____ (50)

	A	B	C	D
41	that they employed	employing	employ	to employ
42	since three years	three years ago	it makes three years	during three years
43	so as to be	in order be	so that he will be	for being
44	do the long travels	do the long journeys	make the long travels	make the long journeys
45	as	as a	like	like a
46	on	in	at	the
47	to the	to	in the	in
48	that	which	who	what
49	either	or	neither	nor
50	enough good	good enough	rather good	so just

SECTION- B (GENERAL KNOWLEDGE)

Choose the correct answers from the following questions:

51. Which port will connect India's landlocked north eastern region to Bay of Bengal through Mizoram?
- A. Kochi Port
 - B. Kandla Port
 - C. Nhava Port
 - D. Sittwe Port
52. Which US based Dalit writer has won the 2018 Shakti Bhatt Book Prize?
- A. Prayag Akbar
 - B. Sujatha Gidla
 - C. Arshia Sattar
 - D. Preti Taneja
53. India's longest bridge will be built on which river?
- A. Ganga
 - B. Kaveri
 - C. Brahmaputra
 - D. Mahanadi
54. What was the theme of the 12th ASEM (Asia- Europe Meeting) Summit held in Brussels?
- A. Global Partners for Global Challenges
 - B. Partning for change, Engaging the World
 - C. One Vision, One Identity
 - D. Our People, Our Community, Our Vision
55. "Apsara -Upgraded" recently in news is related to :-
- A. Military Communication Sattelate System.
 - B. Indigenously developed ballistic Missile System
 - C. A submarine aircraft carrier
 - D. Swimming pool type nuclear reactor
56. Which campaign was launched in August 2017 to reduce adverse environmental condition especially pollution during Diwali?
- A. Green Good Deed
 - B. Smokeless Diwali

- C. Harith Diwali- Swasth Diwali
 - D. Hari Diwali
- 57. Where was 27th Fusion Energy Conference held?**
- A. Gandhinagar
 - B. Ahmedabad
 - C. Jaipur
 - D. Bhopal
- 58. Which Indo-American was honoured with the presidential medal for combating human trafficking in US?**
- A. N H Anti
 - B. Minal Patel Davis
 - C. Anu Aga
 - D. Norma Alvares
- 59. Recently in news, Exercise KAKADU is:-**
- A. India - Malaysia joint naval exercise
 - B. BIMSTEC joint military exercise
 - C. Indian military training assistance in Africa
 - D. Maritime exercise hosted by Australia
- 60. Where is the world's largest dome?**
- A. Copenhagen
 - B. Prague
 - C. Pune
 - D. Hyderabad
- 61. Which Indian airport is set to become the first in Asia to use face recognition as boarding pass?**
- A. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport
 - B. Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport
 - C. Kempegowda International Airport
 - D. Chaudhary Charan Singh Airport
- 62. Who got India's first judo medal at Youth Olympics 2018?**
- A. Tushar Mane
 - B. Ayush Mawri

- C. Sonali Gupta
 - D. Thangjam Tababi Devi
- 63. Who won the 2018 Arjuna Award for athletics?**
- A. Hima Das
 - B. Rohan Bopanna
 - C. Manika Batra
 - D. Ravi Rathore
- 64. How many NIDs (National Institute of Design) are approved by the union government?**
- A. 3
 - B. 4
 - C. 2
 - D. 5
- 65. Name the world's largest health scheme launched by our Prime Minister?**
- A. Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission
 - B. National Nutrition Scheme
 - C. Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna
 - D. National Health Scheme
- 66. Who won the 2018 Dhyan Chand Award for Hockey?**
- A. Satyadev Prasad
 - B. Jiwan Kumar Sharma
 - C. Bharat Kumar Chhetri
 - D. Sukhdev Singh Pannu
- 67. 'Future of Jobs' report is prepared by :-**
- A. World Economic Forum
 - B. World Bank
 - C. International Labour Organisation
 - D. NITI Aayog.
- 68. What is the nickname of the UN Award won by Sikkim for becoming the World's first organic state?**
- A. Future Policy Award
 - B. Organic World

- C. Oscar for Best Policies
 - D. Green World
69. Which award is given by the Indian government to the individuals or communities from rural areas for their extraordinary courage and dedication in protecting wild life?
- A. Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puraskar
 - B. Medini Puraskar Yojana
 - C. Amrita Devi Bishnoi Award
 - D. Pitambar Pant National Award
70. Which country inaugurated world's longest bridge?
- A. Netherlands
 - B. China
 - C. South Korea
 - D. Japan
71. What are rainforests of the sea?
- A. Jelly fish
 - B. Starfish
 - C. Corals
 - D. Sea Urchins
72. Who won the Alternative Noble prize in Literature?
- A. Maryse Conde
 - B. Bob Dylan
 - C. Pierre Assouline
 - D. Orhan Pamuk
73. The World Mountain Forum 2018 was held in ...
- A. Bhutan
 - B. Kyrgyzstan
 - C. China
 - D. Sikkim
74. Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad were jointly awarded for..
- A. Nobel Prize for Chemistry
 - B. Noble prize for Physics

- C. Nobel Prize for Economics
- D. Nobel Peace Prize
- 75. The Parliament of the World's Religions in 1893 was held in which of the following city?**
 - A. San Francisco
 - B. Chicago
 - C. Dallas
 - D. California
- 76. The main object of which of the following UN agencies is to help the under-developed countries in the task of raising the living standard :-**
 - A. IMF
 - B. UNICEF
 - C. UNDP
 - D. IDA
- 77. Who has been appointed as the new editor in chief of the television channel Rajya Sabha?**
 - A. Sudhir Chaudhary
 - B. Nidhi Razdan
 - C. Rahul Mahajan
 - D. Shereen Bhan
- 78. What is the theme of the 2018 National Science Day(NSD)?**
 - A. Science for National Building
 - B. Scientific issues for Development of the Nation
 - C. Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future
 - D. Science and Technology for Specially Abled Persons
- 79. The Tamilnadu government has tied up with which software company to accelerate cloud technology adoption?**
 - A. Alphabet
 - B. Tata
 - C. Infosys
 - D. Microsoft

80. Which football player was named UEFA player of the year?
- A. Keylor Nevas
 - B. Sergio Ramos
 - C. Luka Medric
 - D. Christiano Ronaldo
81. Harvard joined with which company to develop an Artificial Intelligence System to analyse and predict earthquake aftershocks?
- A. Wipro
 - B. Google
 - C. IBM
 - D. Microsoft
82. Who plans to launch the laser instrument to measure the changes in the heights of Earth's polar ice?
- A. NASA
 - B. USGS
 - C. ISRO
 - D. Jet Propulsion Laboratory
83. Which state in India is the second to get sensor based advanced landslide warning system?
- A. Uttarakhand
 - B. Sikkim
 - C. Himachal Pradesh
 - D. Jammu and Kashmir
84. Which is the first state to launch cyber police stations in all the districts?
- A. UP
 - B. Orissa
 - C. Maharashtra
 - D. Gujarat
85. Which of the birds are critically endangered in IUCN Red list:-
- A. Bengal Florican
 - B. Indian Vulture
 - C. House Sparrow
 - D. Himalayan Quail

- 86. Which of the following cities is the venue of the 4th edition of Global Partners' Forum?**
- A. Kochi
 - B. Chennai
 - C. Kolkata
 - D. New Delhi
- 87. What is the theme of the 2018 World Egg Day?**
- A. Eat and run
 - B. Protein for life
 - C. Put an egg on it
 - D. Protein for Good Health
- 88. Which Indian folk artist has won the 2018 Fukuoka Arts and Culture Prize?**
- A. Ila Arun
 - B. Swaroop Khan
 - C. Teejan Bai
 - D. Malini Awasthi
- 89. Which historian has authored the book Maharana Pratap: "The Invisible Warrior"?**
- A. Irfan Habib
 - B. Sumit Kumar
 - C. Uma Chakraborty
 - D. Rima Hooja
- 90. Miss Indian personality has been crowned with Miss Deaf Asia 2018?**
- A. Nishtha Dudeja
 - B. Desha Jain
 - C. Anukreety Vas
 - D. Shree Saini
- 91. Which Indian state has the largest number of seats for the scheduled tribes in the Lok Sabha?**
- A. Rajasthan
 - B. Madhya Pradesh
 - C. Andhra Pradesh
 - D. Gujarat

92. Which is the largest Lok Sabha constituency (Area-wise)?
- A. Arunachal West
 - B. Ladakh
 - C. Barmer
 - D. Kutch
93. Which of the following is India's first Nuclear Reactor?
- A. Dhruva
 - B. Rawatbhatta
 - C. Kundankulam
 - D. Apsara
94. Which among the following is an ionic solid?
- A. Diamond
 - B. Dry ice
 - C. Table salt
 - D. All are ionic salts
95. Which of the following plant blooms only once in twelve years and is used by the Paliyan tribe of Tamil Nadu to calculate their age?
- A. Neelakurinji
 - B. Musli
 - C. Malabar Lily
 - D. Spider Wort
96. Which state's Girls Football Team won the bronze medal in the NE Olympic Games in Imphal?
- A. Meghalaya
 - B. Manipur
 - C. Sikkim
 - D. Assam
97. The number of Sovereign Countries which are members of the United Nations is :-
- A. 180
 - B. 182
 - C. 183
 - D. 193

98. Who is the founder of Miss World beauty pageant?

- A. Julia Morley
- B. Eric Morley
- C. Winlelia Merced
- D. Michael Leyva

99. Who was the winner of the Best Pop Vocal album of 2018 Grammy Awards?

- A. Lady Gaga
- B. Ed Sheeran
- C. Cold Play
- D. Kesha

100. Which of the following is India's first domestic cruise?

- A. Dhruv
- B. Angriya
- C. Vivada
- D. Tarangini