

# Sikkim Public Service Commission

## Main Written Examination for the post of Drug Inspector under Sikkim State Subordinate Paramedical Service

### PAPER - I

Time allowed: 2 hrs

Maximum Marks: 100

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

*Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions: -*

1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE EXAMINATION, YOU SHOULD CHECK THAT THIS BOOKLET DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNPRINTED OR TORN OR MISSING PAGES OR ITEMS ETC. IF SO, GET IT REPLACED BY A COMPLETE TEST BOOKLET.
2. Use only Black Ball Point Pen to fill the OMR Sheet.
3. Do not write anything else on the OMR Answer Sheet except the required information.
4. It is the candidate's duty to fill in the particulars in the appropriate places in the Answer Sheet and OMR sheet as per given instructions. Any discrepancy/omission will render the Answer Sheet/OMR Sheet liable for rejection.
5. Part - I and part - II of this booklet contains questions in MCQ mode to be marked in OMR Sheet. Part - III contains Writing Section which has to be written on separate answer sheet provided to you.
6. After you have completed filling in all your responses on the Answer Sheet and OMR Sheet and the examination has concluded, you should hand over the Answer Sheet and OMR) Sheet to the Invigilator only. You are permitted to take with you the Test Booklet.

#### **7. Marking Scheme**

**THERE WILL BE NEGATIVE MARKING FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS**

- i. There are four alternatives/answers to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one-third of the marks assigned to the question will be deducted as penalty.
- ii. If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answers happen to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to the question.
- iii. If a question is left blank. i.e., no answer is given by the candidate; there will be no penalty for that question.

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## PART – I

Read the following passage and choose the correct answers for the given questions:  
(1x20=20)

"A principal fruit of friendship," Francis Bacon wrote in his timeless meditation on the subject, "is the ease and discharge of the fulness and swellings of the heart, which passions of all kinds do cause and induce." For Thoreau, friendship was one of life's great rewards. But in today's cultural landscape of muddled relationships scattered across various platforms for connecting, amidst constant debates about whether our Facebook "friendships" are making us more or less happy, it pays to consider what friendship actually is. That's precisely what Professor Massimo Pigliucci explores in *Answers for Aristotle: How Science and Philosophy Can Lead Us to A More Meaningful Life* (public library), which also gave us this provocative read on the science of what we call "intuition."

Philosophers and cognitive scientists agree that friendship is an essential ingredient of human happiness. But beyond the dry academic definitions — like, say, "voluntary interdependence between two persons over time, which is intended to facilitate socio-emotional goals of the participants, and may involve varying types and degrees of companionship, intimacy, affection and mutual assistance" — lies a body of compelling research that sheds light on how, precisely, friendship augments happiness.

The way friendship enhances well-being, it turns out, has nothing to do with quantity and everything to do with quality — researchers confirm that it isn't the number of friends (or, in the case of Facebook, "friends")

1. One change effected in the present situation which hassled to a re-thinking of the concept of friendship is:

- A. Bacon and Thoreau's theories are no longer available to read
- B. The arrival of social media on the scene
- C. There is more interest in the sciences
- D. Friendships are not possible in the real world anymore, due to over-competition

2. Friendship leads to happiness. Is it true?

- A. Yes, researches have proven that friendship does lead to happiness
- B. No, there is no relationship between friendship and happiness
- C. Friends cannot make each other happy
- D. One needs to find one's happiness alone, with peace of mind

3. Did Pigluicci's book discuss intuition too?

- A. No, it only discussed friendship
- B. It explained science and philosophy
- C. It discusses Aristotle's theories
- D. Yes



**4. Is the quality of friends important?**

- A. No, it is important to have a greater number of friends, quality does not matter
- B. No, number of comments on social networking sites is important, not the quality of friends
- C. Yes, it matters
- D. No, quality comes automatically with quantity

**5. As per the first paragraph what are the debates about?**

- A. They are centred around whether our Facebook friends are helping us become more or less happy
- B. There are no debates around friendship
- C. The quality of comments of social media is debatable
- D. Thoreau and Aristotle's thinking are at loggerheads

**Choose the correct antonyms of the following words:**

**6. Morbid**

- A. Healthy
- B. Liberal
- C. Progressive
- D. Stale

**7. Belittle**

- A. Expand
- B. Prohibit
- C. Inflate
- D. Extol

**8. Candid**

- A. Unkind
- B. Blunt
- C. Valid
- D. Dishonest

**Choose the correct Synonyms of the following words:**

**9. Abeyance**

- A. Suspension
- B. Persistence
- C. Continuation
- D. Rigid

**10. Rescind**

- A. Change
- B. Revoke
- C. Repeat
- D. Reconsider

**11. Taciturn**

- A. Shade
- B. Obscure
- C. Explicit
- D. Unspoken

**Choose the appropriate words/phrases that will complete the sentences:**

**12. The boy was cured \_\_\_\_\_ typhoid.**

- A. from
- B. of
- C. for
- D. through

**13. All arrangements have been made to \_\_\_\_\_ the visit of students to the exhibition.**

- A. serve
- B. introduce
- C. proceed
- D. facilitate

**14. Fate smiles \_\_\_\_\_ those who untiringly grapple with the stark realities of life.**

- A. with
- B. on
- C. over
- D. round

**15. He felt no \_\_\_\_\_ as he plunged the knife into her back.**

- A. scruple
- B. qualms
- C. conscience
- D. moral

16. You haven't had your lunch yet, \_\_\_\_\_ you?

- A. Are
- B. Aren't
- C. Have
- D. Haven't

In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Active or Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, choose the best that best expresses the same in Active or Passive voice.

17. He is writing the book.

- A. The book has been written by him.
- B. The book is being written by him.
- C. The book is written by him.
- D. The book was written by him

18. I was determined to mortgage the car.

- A. I was determined that the car should be mortgaged.
- B. The car was determined to be mortgaged.
- C. I was determined that car will be mortgaged.
- D. I am determined that car will be mortgaged.

In the following sentence, replace the verb by a noun:

19. He fought bravely.

- A. He put up a brave fight.
- B. A fight was put up bravely.
- C. A brave fight was put up.
- D. A fight is put up bravely.

In the following sentence, replace the adverb with a noun:

20. He watched the girl carefully.

- A. He watched her with care.
- B. He watched the girl with great care.
- C. With care he watched her.
- D. Care was taken while watching her.

**PART - II**  
**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Choose the correct answers for the following questions: (1x50=50)

21. In which part of China was the outbreak of Corona Virus first detected?

- A. Hubei
- B. Sichuan
- C. Wuhan
- D. Gansu

22. Healthy India Initiative/Swastha Bharat – EkPehal is a \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. Mobile app launched by the Health Ministry
- B. Quarterly magazine launched recently by the government
- C. Free health Camp
- D. None of the above

23. The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra is undertaken through which of the following routes in Sikkim?

- A. Jelep Pass
- B. Nathula Pass
- C. Chola Pass
- D. None of the above

23. Where was the world's first ever Global Refugee Forum held?

- A. Paris, France
- B. Madrid, Spain
- C. Geneva, Switzerland
- D. Washington DC, United States

24. Which state topped in the "first edition of Good Governance Index (GCI)" under the "Big States Category" in 2019?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Tamil Nadu

25. To which state was the Governor of Nagaland, Ravindra Narayana Ravi given additional charge as Governor on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Arunachal
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Mizoram



**26. Who was appointed as the brand ambassador for athletic and casual footwear firm 'PUMA' for three years from December 10, 2019?**

- A. Bhaichung Bhutia
- B. Sunil Chettri
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. Sandesh Jhingan

**27. The first Electronic Vehicle introduced by TATA Motors**

- A. Tiago
- B. Harrier
- C. Nexon
- D. Indica

**28. Who is the current Chief Minister of Maharashtra?**

- A. Ajit Pawar
- B. Devendra Fadnavis
- C. Uddhav Thackeray
- D. Raj Thackeray

**29. The capital of Gujarat is**

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Rajkot
- D. Vadodara

**30. What is the full form of BPO?**

- A. Business Process Outsourcing
- B. Basic Principle Overview
- C. Bureau of Preliminary Objective
- D. Board of Physicists

**31. The full form of PDF file is:**

- A. Portable Data Format
- B. Portable Document Format
- C. Picture Data Format
- D. None of the above

**32. Fungi are plants that lack**

- A. Oxygen
- B. Carbon dioxide
- C. Chlorophyll
- D. None of the above

**33. Which of the following is an air-borne disease?**

- A. Measles
- B. Typhoid
- C. Pink Eye
- D. None of the above

**34. Arya Bhatta was a most renowned scholar of:**

- A. Medicine
- B. Biology
- C. Mathematics
- D. Philosophy

**35. Who is regarded as the maker of Modern India?**

- A. M. G. Ranade
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Keshav Chandra Sen
- D. Raja Ram Mohan Roy

**36. Which Article of the Constitution abolishes untouchability?**

- A. Article 42
- B. Article 15
- C. Article 14
- D. Article 17

**37. Who appoints the Chief Election Commissioner of India?**

- A. Prime Minister
- B. Chief Justice of Supreme Court
- C. President
- D. None of the above

**38. Mobile phone was invented by:**

- A. Edwin Land
- B. Martin Cooper
- C. John Lloyd
- D. Joseph Wilson

**39. Which book store of Sikkim won the best store in India at the Hyderabad Lit Fest on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020?**

- A. JAINCO
- B. Good Books
- C. Rachna Book Store
- D. None of the above



**40. The foundation stone of India's first Transit Oriented Development Project was laid in:**

- A. New Delhi, Delhi
- B. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C. Guwahati, Assam
- D. Kolkata, West Bengal

**41. The first Greenfield Airport to be constructed in the Northeastern region of India is in:**

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Sikkim
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Nagaland

**42. Vitamin B12 is most useful for combating**

- A. anemia
- B. goitre
- C. night blindness
- D. rickets

**43. The ozone layer restricts**

- A. Visible light
- B. Infrared radiation
- C. X-rays and gamma rays
- D. Ultraviolet radiation

**44. Coral reefs in India can be found in**

- A. The coast of Orissa
- B. Waltair
- C. Rameshwaram
- D. Trivandrum

**45. The first women to climb Mt. Everest was**

- A. Junko Taibei
- B. Karoline Mikkelson
- C. Valentina Tereshkova
- D. None of the above

**46. The credit of developing the polio vaccine goes to**

- A. Jones Salk
- B. Alb E. Sabin
- C. J.L. Baird
- D. J. Perkins

**47. The tribe residing in Meghalaya is**

- A. Garos
- B. Khas
- C. Kol
- D. Murias

**48. When the batsman in cricket is out without scoring a single run, it's called**

- A. drive
- B. duck
- C. flight
- D. googly

**49. What was the purpose of establishing the European Economic Community (EEC)?**

- A. To promote a common market and economic prosperity among member countries
- B. To create a single market for free import and export among member countries
- C. both (a) and (b)
- D. None of the above

**50. India has largest deposits of \_\_\_\_ in the world.**

- A. gold
- B. copper
- C. mica
- D. None of the above

**51. If force is expressed in Newton and the distance in metre, then the work done is expressed in**

- A. Joule
- B. Kg wt
- C. Kg wt m
- D. Watt

**52. How many red blood cells does the bone marrow produce every second?**

- A. 2 million
- B. 5 million
- C. 7 million
- D. 10 million

**53. India's first atomic power station was set up at**

- A. Surat (Gujarat)
- B. Tarapur (Maharashtra)
- C. Trombay (Maharashtra)
- D. Solapur (Maharashtra)

**54. Which one of the following is the activity of the Family Welfare Programme?**

- A. IUD programme
- B. Child marriage
- C. Malnutrition programme
- D. One child one nation policy

**55. Kiran Bedi received Magsaysay Award for government service in**

- A. 1992
- B. 1993
- C. 1994
- D. 1995

**56. Kemal Ataturk was**

- A. the first President of Independent Kenya
- B. the founder of modern Turkey
- C. revolutionary leader of Soviet Union
- D. None of the above

**57. Commonwealth of Nations which is normally called Commonwealth is an intergovernmental organisation of how many independent member states?**

- A. 52
- B. 53
- C. 57
- D. 60

**58. Who among the following was responsible for the revival of Hinduism in the 19th century?**

- A. Swami Dayanand
- B. Swami Vivekanand
- C. Guru Shankarachar
- D. Raja Ram Mohan Roy

**59. Knesset is the name of the parliament of which country?**

- A. Israel
- B. Lebanon
- C. Tunisia
- D. Egypt



**60. The annual reports of which of the following bodies is NOT caused to be laid before the Parliament by President of India?**

- A. Finance Commission
- B. National Human Rights Commission
- C. Public Accounts Committee
- D. Union Public Service Commission

**61. The name of UTI bank Ltd was changed in 2007 as which of the following?**

- A. AXIS Bank
- B. YES Bank
- C. Indian Bank
- D. Federal Bank

**62. The Nuakhai festival is predominantly observed in which state?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Karnataka
- D. Sikkim

**63. In which year was the Indo-Sikkimese Treaty signed?**

- A. 1975
- B. 1950
- C. 1980
- D. 1970

**64. The Veda which is partly in prose and partly in verses is \_\_\_\_\_?**

- A. Rigveda
- B. Samaveda
- C. Yajurveda
- D. Atharvaveda

**65. Name the newspaper founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1903 at South Africa?**

- A. Indian Speaker
- B. Harijan
- C. Indian Opinion
- D. India News

**66. What is the main aim of Janani Suraksha Yojana the programme of the Family Welfare?**

- A. Reducing maternal and neonatal mortality
- B. To encourage people to use safe sexual methods
- C. To provide pensions to widow women
- D. To provide shelters to poor people

**67. NITI Aayog has launched which program to initiate transformation in the education and health sectors with the State Governments?**

- A. SATH Program
- B. Shiksha Shivar
- C. Shiksha aur Swasthya Program
- D. None of these

**68. India's first healthcare and wellness centre under Ayushman Bharat Yojana was inaugurated in: -**

- A. Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)
- B. Godhara (Gujarat)
- C. Vidisha (Madhya Pradesh)
- D. Bijapur (Chhattisgarh)

**69. What is Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP)?**

- A. It is an association of pharmacists in India
- B. It is an officially recognized book of standards as per Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules 1945 thereunder.
- C. It is a book on pharmacology
- D. None of the above

**70. When was the Ayushman Bharat scheme launched?**

- A. March 8, 2018
- B. April 14, 2018
- C. January 1, 2018
- D. April 30, 2018

### **PART - III WRITING SECTION**

**ESSAY WRITING:**

**(1x15=15)**

**Write an essay on any one of the following topics:**

Role of Media in Good Governance

**OR**

Urbanisation and Its Hazards

**REPORT WRITING****(1x10=10)**

You are Alok / Alokita. As a responsible member of your Gram Panchayat, you have organised a campaign on "Say No to Polythene Bags" in your ward/locality. Write a report in not more than 100 words for publication in a magazine.

**OR**

You are a member of the Red Cross Society. A training on First Aid has been recently imparted to you. Prepare a report in not more than 100 words about the training for the monthly publication of the Red Cross Society.

**PRECIS WRITING:****(1x5=5)**

**Write a précis for the given passage:**

Teaching is the noblest of professions. A teacher has a sacred duty to perform. It is he on whom rests the responsibility of moulding the character of young children. Apart from developing their intellect, he can inculcate in them qualities of good citizenship, remaining neat and clean, talking decently and sitting properly. These virtues are not easy to be imbibed. Only he who himself leads a life of simplicity, purity and rigid discipline can successfully cultivate these habits in his pupils.

Besides, a teacher always remains young. He may grow old in age, but not in spite. Perpetual contact with budding youths keeps him happy and cheerful. There are moments when domestic worries weigh heavily on his mind, but the delightful company of innocent children makes him overcome his transient moods of despair.

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