

# Sikkim Public Service Commission

## *Main (Written) Examination for the post of Fisheries Block Officer*

Time Allowed: 1 hour

PAPER - I

Maximum Marks: 80

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

1. This Test Booklet consists of 12 (twelve) pages and has 71 (seventy-one) printed questions.
2. **IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE EXAMINATION, YOU SHOULD CHECK THAT THIS BOOKLET DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNPRINTED, TORN OR MISSING PAGES OR ITEMS. IF SO, GET IT REPLACED BY A COMPLETE TEST BOOKLET.**
3. **Use only Black Ball Point Pen to fill the OMR Sheet.**
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6. This Test Booklet is divided into 3 (three) parts - **Part-I, Part-II and Part-III.**
7. All three parts are **Compulsory.**
8. **Part-I and Part-II consist of Multiple-Choice Questions.** The answers to these questions have to be marked in the **OMR Answer Sheet** provided to you.
9. **Part-III consists of Conventional Type Questions.** The answers to these questions have to be written in the **Separate Answer Booklet** provided to you.
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  - (i) There are four alternatives for the answer 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 happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above for that 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**  
**GENERAL ENGLISH**  
**(Multiple Choice Questions)**

*Instructions for Questions 1 to 5:*

*Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answer from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.*

[5 x 1 = 5]

We should preserve nature to preserve life and beauty. A beautiful landscape, full of green vegetation, will not just attract our attention but will fill us with infinite satisfaction. Unfortunately, because of modernization, much of nature is now yielding to towns, roads and industrial areas. In a few places some natural reserves are now being carved out to avert the danger of destroying the nature completely. Man will perish without nature, so modern man should continue the struggle to save plants, which give us oxygen, from extinction. Moreover, nature is essential to man's health.

1. What does 'nature' in the passage mean?
  - (a) Countryside covered with plants and trees.
  - (b) Physical power that created the world.
  - (c) Inherent things that determine character
  - (d) Practical study of plants and animals
2. According to the passage, which one of the following is the correct statement?
  - (a) Beauty is only skin deep.
  - (b) Everything is beautiful in its natural state.
  - (c) There is beauty in nature.
  - (d) Nature is a moral teacher.
3. What does the writer suggest?
  - (a) We should not modernise, so that nature can be preserved.
  - (b) While modernising we should be careful not to destroy nature completely.

- (c) All nature has been destroyed by modern living.
- (d) Carving out natural reserves will hamper the growth of industries.

4. What does 'struggle' in the passage mean?
  - (a) Man's struggle to exist in the world.
  - (b) Man's struggle to save nature.
  - (c) Man's struggle to catch up with modern trends.
  - (d) Man's struggle to conserve oxygen.
5. Why a beautiful landscape 'will fill us with infinite satisfaction'?
  - (a) We love beauty.
  - (b) It is full of green vegetation.
  - (c) It will ensure our future existence.
  - (d) It will show our command over nature.

*Instructions for Questions 6 to 10:*

*Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answer from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.*

[5 x 1 = 5]

The New Year is a time for resolutions. Mentally at least, most of us could compile formidable lists of do's and don'ts. The same old favourites recur year in and year out with monotonous regularity. Past experience has taught us that certain accomplishments are beyond attainment.

If we remain inveterate smokers, it is only because we have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure. Most of us fail in our effort at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out.

We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolutions to everybody so that



we look even more foolish when we slip back into our old ways.

6. The phrase 'formidable lists of do's and don'ts' mean that ...
  - (a) The bad points of our character are formidable.
  - (b) The list is so long that it is frightening.
  - (c) The things that need to be included is frightening
  - (d) The realisation that we are so imperfect is frightening.
7. The same old favourites recur with monotonous regularity implies that ...
  - (a) We want to be so perfect that we include some items regularly.
  - (b) We have been so regularly doing certain things that they have become monotonous.
  - (c) In spite of regular failures, we still would like to try one more time.
  - (d) Some favourite actions if repeated often could become monotonous.
8. The author seems to imply that many are inveterate smokers because ...
  - (a) They have not really tried to give up smoking.
  - (b) They know from past experience that they can never succeed in their attempt to give up.
  - (c) They want to forget the frustration of not smoking.
  - (d) They do not have the will power to stop smoking.
9. The author says that most of us fail in our attempts at self-improvement because ...
  - (a) We set too high goals for ourselves.
  - (b) We do not have the persistence of mind.
  - (c) Our nature is such that we cannot become perfect.

- (d) Certain imperfections have become a part and parcel of our lives.

10. The author seems to think that others ...
  - (a) Feel happy when we slip back to our old ways.
  - (b) Do not really want us to improve ourselves.
  - (c) Are ready to tease and laugh at our attempts.
  - (d) Might embarrass us by praising our attempts.

**Instructions for Questions 11 to 15:**

*Choose the correct word for the blanks from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.*

[5 x 1 = 5]

11. \_\_\_\_\_ you help me with the housework, please? (Polite request)
  - (a) Can
  - (b) Will
  - (c) Could
  - (d) Should
12. There was a time when I \_\_\_\_\_ stay up very late. (Past ability)
  - (a) can
  - (b) could
  - (c) would
  - (d) should
13. I really like watching old shows. \_\_\_\_\_ are some of the best things on TV. (Choose the correct demonstrative nouns)
  - (a) Those
  - (b) That
  - (c) This
  - (d) These
14. I rode my bike, \_\_\_\_\_ has a headlight, home in the dark.
  - (a) that
  - (b) this
  - (c) whose
  - (d) which

15. I am worried \_\_\_\_\_ my exam.

- (a) of
- (b) with
- (c) for
- (d) about

*Instructions for Questions 16 to 20:*

*In these questions, a sentence is given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same in Passive/Active voice. Each question carries 1 mark.*

[5 x 1 = 5]

16. The rising gale fanned the smouldering fire.

- (a) The smouldering fire was fanned by the rising gale.
- (b) The smouldering fire is fanned by the rising gale.
- (c) The fire was smouldered by the rising gale.
- (d) The smouldered fire was being fanned by the rising gale.

17. I expect you to complete the homework before sunset.

- (a) I expect that you complete the homework before sunset.
- (b) I am expected you to complete the homework before sunset.
- (c) You are expected to complete the homework before sunset.
- (d) You will be expected to complete the homework before sunset.

18. The smugglers did not realise that someone was recording their conversation.

- (a) The smugglers did not realise that their conversation was being recorded.
- (b) Someone did not realise that the smugglers were recording their conversation.
- (c) Conversation was recorded when the smugglers did not realise.

(d) The smugglers have not realised that their conversation was recorded.

19. All his friends laughed at him.

- (a) He was laughed by all his friends.
- (b) He was being laughed at by all his friends.
- (c) He was been laughed at by all his friends.
- (d) He was laughed at by all his friends.

20. Why was the boy chasing the thief?

- (a) Why did the boy chase the thief?
- (b) Why the boy was chasing the thief?
- (c) Why was the thief being chased by the boy?
- (d) Why was the thief chased by the boy?

*Instructions for Questions 21 to 25:*

*In each question four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase. Each question carries 1 mark.*

[5 x 1 = 5]

21. Curry flavour

- (a) Prepare a dish
- (b) Seek favourable attention
- (c) Attract attention
- (d) Seek impartial judgement

22. Cut the mustard

- (a) To score average
- (b) To underperform
- (c) To get under expectations
- (d) To perform well

23. On tenterhooks

- (a) Angry and irritated
- (b) In suspense and anxiety
- (c) Surprised and shocked
- (d) Happy and excited



24. Invent cock-and-bull stories  
 (a) Absurd and unlikely stories  
 (b) Eco friendly accounts  
 (c) Credible tasks  
 (d) Delightful fables
25. To fish in troubled waters  
 (a) Try to take advantage of a confused and difficult situation  
 (b) To aggravate the situation  
 (c) To make the most of bad bargains  
 (d) To indulge in conspiracies

*Instructions for Questions 26 to 30:*

*Choose the correct tense for the blanks from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.*

[5 x 1 = 5]

26. They \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Gangtok for five years.  
 (a) are living  
 (b) were living  
 (c) has been living  
 (d) have been living
27. I \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) you already about it.  
 (a) told  
 (b) have told  
 (c) tells  
 (d) am telling
28. She \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) the football stadium on her way to school every day.  
 (a) is passing  
 (b) has been passing  
 (c) passes  
 (d) passed
29. This pen \_\_\_\_\_ (cost) me two hundred rupees.  
 (a) costs  
 (b) costing  
 (c) has cost  
 (d) costed
30. She \_\_\_\_\_ (attend) college since 4<sup>th</sup> March.  
 (a) has been attending

- (b) attends  
 (c) is attending  
 (d) attended

*Instructions for Questions 31 to 35:*

*Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the given options which best expresses the meaning of the sentence. Each question carries 1 mark.*

[5 x 1 = 5]

31. Pema enjoys vicarious authority.  
 (a) tenuous  
 (b) limited  
 (c) delegated  
 (d) wide
32. We cherish the tradition of bravery.  
 (a) revive  
 (b) learn  
 (c) imitate  
 (d) adore
33. His conjecture was better than me.  
 (a) intuition  
 (b) guess  
 (c) experience  
 (d) knowledge
34. He tried to mollify my hurt feelings.  
 (a) arouse  
 (b) appease  
 (c) soften  
 (d) suppress
35. The man vehemently denied all charges of corruption that were levelled against him.  
 (a) forcefully  
 (b) devoutly  
 (c) hysterically  
 (d) severely

**Instructions for Questions 36 to 40:**  
Choose the correct word/words from the options given to complete the sentences. Each question carries 1 mark.

[5 x 1 = 5]

36. She felt as if the ground \_\_\_\_\_ beneath her feet.

- (a) was sinking
- (b) was smashing
- (c) was bursting
- (d) was slipping

37. The task seemed impossible but somehow, he \_\_\_\_\_ very skilfully in the end.

- (a) pulled it up
- (b) pulled it out
- (c) pulled it away
- (d) pulled it off

38. I decided to sell a piece of land when I was offered a more \_\_\_\_\_ price.

- (a) realistic
- (b) true
- (c) correct
- (d) exact

39. If a man keeps his fingers crossed, he \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) prays for good health
- (b) demonstrates peevishness
- (c) hopes for the best
- (d) suspects everybody

40. The legend has been \_\_\_\_\_ from father to son.

- (a) handed over
- (b) handed to
- (c) handed in
- (d) handed down

## PART - II

### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

(Multiple Choice Questions)

Choose the correct answer for Questions 41 to 70 from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.

[30 x 1 = 30]

41. Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme was introduced in which year?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2017
- (c) 2020
- (d) 2021

42. Which city is the host of '2022 Global Biodiversity Conclave'?

- (a) Paris
- (b) Bonn
- (c) Geneva
- (d) Davos

43. Which company launched 'Startup School India' (SSI) initiative?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Google
- (c) Amazon
- (d) Meta

44. Who recently became the first black vice president of Colombia?

- (a) Francia Marquez
- (b) Gustavo Petro
- (c) Virgilio Barco Vargas
- (d) Juan Guaido

45. What was the theme of 'International Yoga Day 2022'?

- (a) Yoga for Well Being
- (b) Yoga for Harmony and Peace
- (c) Yoga for Health
- (d) Yoga for Humanity

46. Which tennis player became the first player in history to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams?
- Rafael Nadal
  - Roger Federer
  - Novak Djokovic
  - Andy Murray
47. Which is the first state assembly to pass a resolution against the Agnipath Recruitment scheme?
- Kerala
  - Punjab
  - Rajasthan
  - Chhattisgarh
48. What is the name of the tax to be imposed in India on pollution causing vehicles?
- Green tax
  - Pollution tax
  - Fuel tax
  - Environment tax
49. Consider the following:
- Dengue
  - Leprosy
  - Rabies
- Which among the above is/are tropical diseases?
- Only (i)
  - Only (i) & (ii)
  - Only (i) and (iii)
  - (i), (ii) & (iii)
50. Which insect recently caused more than 100 students of Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology in Majhitar, Sikkim to suffer from severe skin infection?
- Sand flies
  - Nairobi flies
  - Black flies
  - House flies
51. Which states took the top three positions in the special category States/UT in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'?
- Manipur, Assam, Jammu & Kashmir
  - Tripura, Himachal Pradesh & Sikkim
  - Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim & Meghalaya
  - Mizoram, Uttarakhand & Ladakh
52. Which school from Sikkim won the 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up position in National 3D Product Innovation Programme?
- Tashi Namgyal Academy
  - Holy Cross School
  - Kyi-De-Khang Sr. Secondary School
  - Palzor Namgyal Girls Sr. Sec. School
53. What was the theme for 'A Day for Mother Earth 2022' celebrated in Sikkim?
- Invest in our Planet
  - Our Planet, Our Home
  - Celebrating Nature - Say No to Single Use Plastics
  - Only One Earth
54. Name the athlete from Sikkim who won the third position in 'International Ultra Running Championship'?
- Hari Kumar
  - Pritam Rai
  - Charu Dutt
  - Amar Subba
55. Who was the interim head coach of Indian women's U-23 football team which recently participated in the three-nations tournament in Sweden?
- Suren Chettri
  - Sunil Chettri
  - Bhaichung Bhutia
  - Ashish Chettri



56. Who is the Director and High-Performance Manager of 'Khelo India' of Sikkim?
- (a) Meghraj Pradhan
  - (b) K. B. Gurung
  - (c) Remon Chettri
  - (d) T.T. Bhutia
57. The first case of monkey pox in humans was recorded in which country?
- (a) Kenya
  - (b) Nigeria
  - (c) Democratic Republic of Congo
  - (d) India
58. Nepali language has official status in Sikkim. When was it officially included in the 8<sup>th</sup> schedule of the constitution of India?
- (a) August 31, 1992
  - (b) September 31, 1992
  - (c) August 16, 1982
  - (d) March 14, 1980
59. Which legendary badminton coach recently visited Sikkim to attend the finals of 'Second Governor's Cup Badminton Tournament 2022'?
- (a) Prakash Padukone
  - (b) Saina Nehwal
  - (c) Kidambi Srikanth
  - (d) Pullela Gopichand
60. What is the name of the typical single-storey houses of Sikkim whose walls consists of bamboo woven together with a wooden frame plastered with cement or mud?
- (a) Ikra
  - (b) Warli
  - (c) Vardha
  - (d) Kothi
61. Which among the following temples in Cambodia depicts scenes from the Mahabharata?
- (a) Borobudur
  - (b) Kailashnath
  - (c) Angkor Wat
  - (d) Brihadeshwara
62. The news of the assassination of which former prime minister of Japan shocked the whole world recently?
- (a) Shinzo Abe
  - (b) Matsukata Masayoshi
  - (c) Fumio Kishida
  - (d) Yoshiro Mori
63. 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme is the initiative of which union ministry?
- (a) Ministry of Culture
  - (b) Ministry of Tourism
  - (c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
  - (d) Ministry of Railways
64. '10<sup>th</sup> World Peace Forum 2022' was organised in which place?
- (a) Tokyo
  - (b) Warsaw
  - (c) Beijing
  - (d) New Delhi
65. What was the theme for the 'National Doctor's Day 2022'?
- (a) Doctors are Guardians
  - (b) Family Doctors on the Frontline
  - (c) Respect and Dignity to Doctors
  - (d) Insurance of Doctors
66. Which Formula-1 racing driver won the British Grand Prix 2022?
- (a) Carlos Sainz
  - (b) Max Verstappen
  - (c) Lewis Hamilton
  - (d) Sabastian Vettel
67. Which Indian author won the 2020 PEN/Hemmingway Award?
- (a) Madhuri Vijay
  - (b) Arundhati Roy
  - (c) Jhumpa Lahiri
  - (d) Ruchika Tomar



68. The release of which one of the following into ponds and wells helps in controlling mosquitoes?

- (a) Snail
- (b) Dogfish
- (c) Crab
- (d) Gambusia Fish

69. The Indian Marine Fisheries sector is characterised by -

- (a) Multi-gear fisheries
- (b) Multi-species fisheries

(c) Multi-gear and Multi-species Fisheries

(d) None of the above

70. Which Asian country recently introduced a 'Sustainable Development Fee' for regional tourists including Indian visitors?

- (a) Thailand
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Bangladesh

**PART - III**  
**GENERAL ENGLISH**  
**(Conventional Type Questions)**

Question number 71 carries 10 marks.

[1 x 10 = 10]

71. Attempt ANY ONE of the following:

(a) Write a précis of the following passage:

Aquaculture also known as aqua-farming is believed to have first begun in China 4000 years ago with the production of carp and now is the fastest growing animal food production sector in the world. For the first time in history, the consumption of farmed fish has exceeded that of wild-caught fish. By 2030, aquaculture is expected to account for two thirds of the fish that humans consume. Aquaculture also includes the production of shellfish and sea weeds that provide both important sources of human nutrition and molecular components for the pharmaceutical industry. The increased demand for fish has put a strain on resources and sustainable practices among fisheries, requiring the innovative use of existing and new technologies. Fortunately, there is a great potential to produce this protein source sustainably particularly through the advent of technology. The demand for fish is ever increasing, particularly as its health benefits continue to gain acclaim with consumers, who overall, are becoming more interested in the nutritional advantages of the food choices.

OR

(b) Write an essay on 'Menace of fake news on digital platforms'.

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