

Sikkim Public Service Commission

Written Examination for the post of Fisheries Guard

PAPER - I

(General English &
General Knowledge)

Time Allowed: 1.00 hour

Maximum Marks: 80

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions: -

1. This Test Booklet consists of 16 (sixteen) pages and has 62 (sixty-two) 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 II consist of Multiple-Choice Questions. The answers for these questions have to be marked in the OMR Answer Sheet provided to you.
9. Parts III consists of Conventional Type Questions. The answers for these questions have to be written in the Separate Answer Booklet provided to you.
10. After you have completed filling in all your responses on the OMR Answer Sheet and the Answer Booklet(s) and the examination has concluded, you should hand over the OMR Answer Sheet and the Answer Booklet(s) to the Invigilator only. You are permitted to take the Test Booklet with you.
11. **Marking Scheme**
THERE WILL BE NEGATIVE MARKING FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS
 - (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 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
GENERAL ENGLISH
(Multiple Choice Questions)

Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for Questions 1 to 5 from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.

[5 x 1 = 5]

Journalists argue over functions of a newspaper. I feel that a provincial paper's purpose is not only to present and project the news objectively and imaginatively, but to help its readers to express themselves more to articulate their demands. A newspaper should reflect the community it serves - warts and all. When the mirror is held to society it reveals neglect, injustice, ignorance or complacency. It should help to eradicate them. It would be pretentious to think that a newspaper can change the course of world affairs - but at the local limit it can exert influence, it can probe, it can help get things done. The individual's voice must not be stifled. Instead, the readers should be encouraged to express their opinion, fears, hopes and their grievances on this platform.

1. What is the main purpose of a newspaper?
 - (a) To present facts in a blunt way
 - (b) Encourage the readers to be pretentious
 - (c) Project news objectively and imaginatively
 - (d) Exert influences on the individuals
2. In this passage the writer highlights the fact that
 - (a) Newspapers can eradicate injustice
 - (b) A newspaper should reflect the community it serves
 - (c) Journalists differ in their opinion on the function of a newspaper
 - (d) A newspaper should only concentrate on community it serves
3. How can a newspaper influence local affairs?
 - (a) By probing into the ills of society and rallying support for change
 - (b) By influencing public opinion through half truths
 - (c) By focusing on world affairs
 - (d) By encouraging the readers to accept their grievances
4. How can the readers air their grievances?
 - (a) By writing to their local newspaper
 - (b) By writing to journalists
 - (c) By supporting the local newspaper
 - (d) By being complacent
5. The expression 'warts and all' in the passage means
 - (a) The reader's grievance
 - (b) The community's problem
 - (c) Hopes and fear
 - (d) With no attempt to conceal blemishes or inadequacies

Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for Questions 6 to 10 from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.

[5 x 1 = 5]

True, it is the function of the army to maintain law and order in abnormal times, but in normal times there is another force that compels citizens to obey laws and to act with due regard to the rights of others. The force also protects the lives and properties of law abiding men. Laws are made to secure the personal safety of its subjects and to prevent murder and crimes of violence. They are made to secure the property of the citizens against theft and damage to protect the rights of communities and castes to carry out their customs and ceremonies, so long as they do not conflict with the rights of others. Now the good citizen, of his own free will, obeys these laws and he takes care that everything he does is done with due regard to the rights and well-being of others. But the bad citizen is only restrained from breaking these laws by fear of the consequences of his actions. And the necessary steps to compel the bad citizen to act as a good citizen are taken by this force. The supreme control of law and order in a state is in the hands of a Minister who is responsible to the State Assembly and acts through the Inspector General of Police.

6. Which of the following statements is not implied in the passage?
 - (a) Law protects those who respect it
 - (b) Law ensures people's religious and social rights absolutely and unconditionally
 - (c) A criminal is deterred from committing crimes only for fear of the law
 - (d) The forces of the law help to transform irresponsible citizens into responsible ones
7. According to the writer, which one of the following is not a responsibility of the police?
 - (a) To protect the privileges of all citizens
 - (b) To check violent activities of citizens
 - (c) To ensure peace among citizens by safeguarding individual rights
 - (d) To maintain peace during extra ordinary circumstances
8. The expression 'customs and ceremonies' means -
 - (a) Fairs and festivals
 - (b) Habits and traditions
 - (c) Usual practices and religious rites
 - (d) Superstitions and formalities
9. Which one of the following statements is implied in the passage?
 - (a) Peaceful citizens seldom violate the law
 - (b) Criminals, who flout the law, are seldom brought to book
 - (c) The police hardly succeed in converting bad citizens into good ones
 - (d) The police check the citizens, whether they are good or bad, from violating the law
10. 'They are made to secure the property of citizens against theft and damage', means that the law ...
 - (a) safeguards people's possessions against being stolen or lost
 - (b) assists the citizens whose property has been stolen or destroyed
 - (c) initiates process against offenders of law
 - (d) helps in recovering the stolen property of the citizens

Instructions for Questions 11 to 15: From the given options, choose the correct 'one word' that can be used as a substitute to the given group of words. Each question carries 1 mark.

[5 x 1 = 5]

11. A substance in the blood tending to neutralize matter that is harmful

- (a) Antidote
- (b) Antibiotic
- (c) Antiseptic
- (d) Antibody

12. That which cannot be attacked or taken by force

- (a) Pregnable
- (b) Impregnable
- (c) Autopay
- (d) Anarchy

13. One who travels from place to place

- (a) Itinerant
- (b) Mendicant
- (c) Journeyman
- (d) Tramp

14. To deprive a thing of its holy character

- (a) Sacrilege
- (b) Blasphemy
- (c) Consecrate
- (d) Desecrate

15. Something capable of being done

- (a) Tenable
- (b) Explicable
- (c) Feasible
- (d) Probable

Instructions for Questions 16 to 20: Select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the given idiom/phrase. Each question carries 1 mark.

[5 x 1 = 5]

16. *Beat a dead horse*

- (a) Exploit someone to the point of killing him/her
- (b) To continue playing a game knowing very well that you are going to lose
- (c) Show extreme level of cruelty especially to animals
- (d) To uselessly dwell on a subject far beyond its point of resolution

17. *Keep under one's hat*

- (a) To keep something a secret
- (b) Take care of somebody else's valuable given to you for safe keeping
- (c) Keep all your wealth in your home
- (d) Steal and hide something

18. *To have an axe to grind*

- (a) To fail to arouse interest
- (b) A private end to serve
- (c) To have no result
- (d) To work for both sides

19. *In the offing*

- (a) At the end
- (b) On decline
- (c) In the air
- (d) About to start

20. *Harp on*

- (a) To comment
- (b) To criticize
- (c) To keep on talking
- (d) To keep on insulting

Instructions for Questions 21 to 25: Choose the appropriate word to fill the blank from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.

[5 x 1 = 5]

21. _____ she _____ away yesterday?

- (a) Why, ran
- (b) Did, run
- (c) Where, running
- (d) Was, run

22. Did the children turn _____ for the football practice?

- (a) in
- (b) on
- (c) up
- (d) back

23. Our country is a spiritual country, theirs _____ religious.

- (a) is
- (b) are
- (c) also
- (d) have

24. Our teacher teaches Mathematics _____ English.

- (a) across
- (b) besides
- (c) beside
- (d) both

25. Please, stop _____ so many mistakes.

- (a) to make
- (b) make
- (c) makes
- (d) making

Instructions for Questions 26 to 30: Choose the correct synonym for the given word. Each question carries 1 mark.

[5 x 1 = 5]

26. **Exponent**

- (a) Meddler
- (b) Cancel
- (c) Advocate
- (d) Horrid

27. **Goad**

- (a) Soothe
- (b) Save
- (c) Irritate
- (d) Workshop

28. **Foment**

- (a) Extirpate
- (b) Provoke
- (c) Isolation
- (d) Abrasion

29. **Wretched**

- (a) Poor
- (b) Foolish
- (c) Insane
- (d) Strained

30. **Fortitude**

- (a) Similarity
- (b) Protection
- (c) Courage
- (d) Safety

PART-II
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE
(Multiple Choice Questions)

Choose the correct answer for Questions 31 to 60 from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.

[30 x 1 = 30]

31. In which state has the Geological Survey of India (GSI) approved to set up India's first Eco Park?
- (a) Maharashtra
 - (b) Goa
 - (c) Madhya Pradesh
 - (d) Telangana
32. Which institution has developed an AI-based diagnosis technique using x-ray named COMiT-Net to screen Covid-19?
- (a) AIIMS
 - (b) IIT Jodhpur
 - (c) JIPMER
 - (d) John Hopkins University
33. Who is the male tennis star to win 21 Grand Slam awards?
- (a) Roger Federer
 - (b) Rafael Nadal
 - (c) Novak Djokovic
 - (d) Andre Agassi
34. Which Indian state/UT got its first goods freight train connectivity post-independence?
- (a) Manipur
 - (b) Goa
 - (c) Arunachal Pradesh
 - (d) Ladakh
35. 'Ocean Melting Greenland Airborne Mission' is associated with which country?
- (a) Russia
 - (b) UK
 - (c) Israel
 - (d) USA
36. Which footballer from Sikkim was selected for the U-17 Women's football team camp held in Jamshedpur?
- (a) Anju Tamang
 - (b) Lako Phuti Bhutia
 - (c) Neema Lhamu Bhutia
 - (d) Simran Gurung

37. Which Ministry recently organised a 'Climate Change Awareness Campaign and National Photography Competition'?
- (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 - (b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 - (c) Ministry of Culture
 - (d) Ministry of Tourism
38. A new species of dwarf catfish named 'Pseudolaguvia vespa' was discovered in Milak River in which state?
- (a) Assam
 - (b) West Bengal
 - (c) Bihar
 - (d) Nagaland
39. Who is the first Gorkha-Nepali musician to receive Padma Shri this year?
- (a) Kaajee Singh
 - (b) Manohar Gurung
 - (c) Ranjit Gazmer
 - (d) Darshan Doshi
40. Which institution releases the Periodic Greenhouse Gas (GHG) bulletin?
- (a) NITI Aayog
 - (b) Food and Agricultural Organization
 - (c) World Meteorological Organization
 - (d) NABARD
41. How many district towns are there in Sikkim?
- (a) 4
 - (b) 6
 - (c) 3
 - (d) 7
42. Which lake is the source of water supplied to Gangtok city?
- (a) Tsomgo Lake
 - (b) Loktak lake
 - (c) Tso Lhamo Lake
 - (d) Tamje lake
43. Which state initiated 'Operation Parivartan' to eliminate the cultivation of cannabis?
- (a) Kerala
 - (b) Tamil Nadu
 - (c) Andhra Pradesh
 - (d) Goa

44. What is the main objective of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan?
- (a) Skill Development
 - (b) Infrastructure Development
 - (c) Health Care Development
 - (d) Export Development
45. Which is the new vatta species recently identified by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute?
- (a) Pola vatta
 - (b) Vatta para
 - (c) Trevelly vatta
 - (d) Silver vatta
46. Which endangered animal has been cloned successfully in US?
- (a) Black footed ferret
 - (b) Whooping crane
 - (c) Blue whale
 - (d) Snow leopard
47. 'Be the Brand Ambassador of Tribes India' has been launched by which organization?
- (a) NABARD
 - (b) NHB
 - (c) TRIFED
 - (d) Tribal Corporation of India
48. Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP) is a sub-scheme of which programme?
- (a) PM Fasal Bima Yojana
 - (b) PM Kisan Yojana
 - (c) Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana
 - (d) PM Matru Vandana Yojana
49. Which leader received the CERAWEEK Global Energy and Environmental Leadership Award in March 2021?
- (a) Ratan Tata
 - (b) Narendra Modi
 - (c) Malala Yousufzai
 - (d) Prakash Javadekar
50. Who won the 30 km Jumping Gorilla Mountain Trail Run held in Pune?
- (a) Shanti Ram
 - (b) Nimsang Limboo
 - (c) Amar Subba
 - (d) Bikram Thapa

51. In which year was the Marine Product Export Development authority (MPEDA) established?
- (a) 1970
 - (b) 1972
 - (c) 1984
 - (d) 1976
52. Rihand reservoir is known for the fishery of large sized -
- (a) C. Mrigata
 - (b) Tilapia
 - (c) Catfish
 - (d) C. Catla
53. Coral reefs are found in India along the coasts of -
- (a) Sagar Island
 - (b) Kerala
 - (c) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
 - (d) Andhra Pradesh
54. What is the name of the campaign launched by the Government of India to boost the adoption of electric vehicles and appliances?
- (a) Face
 - (b) Electricity for all
 - (c) Go electric
 - (d) Switch to current
55. Passport Seva Programme 2.0 is the initiative taken by which ministry?
- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - (b) Ministry of External affairs
 - (c) Ministry of Tourism
 - (d) Ministry of Labour and Employment
56. Which Thangka artist from Sikkim was conferred with Padma Shri this year?
- (a) Urgen Dorjee
 - (b) Sarika Singh
 - (c) Khandu Wangchuk Bhutia
 - (d) Tseten Dorjee
57. Which country reported the world's first baby to be born with antibodies against the novel corona virus?
- (a) India
 - (b) USA
 - (c) China
 - (d) Brazil

58. Lata Mangeshkar, one of the greatest and most influential singers of India died recently. She was born in -
(a) Mumbai
(b) Lucknow
(c) Indore
(d) Hyderabad
59. Who is the founder of space tourism company, Virgin Galactic?
(a) Elon Musk
(b) Richard Branson
(c) Jeff Bezos
(d) Mark Zuckerberg
60. To whom does a judge of the Supreme Court submit his resignation?
(a) Prime Minister
(b) Supreme Court of India
(c) Parliament
(d) President

PART-III
GENERAL ENGLISH
(Conventional Type Questions)

Attempt both the Questions 61 and 62. Each question carries 10 marks.

[2 x 10 = 20]

61. Write a report on **any one** of the following:

(i) Rainbow trout farming in Sikkim.

OR

(ii) Due to heavy snowfall in North Sikkim, roads were blocked and hundreds of tourists were stranded on the way. Write a report on this situation.

62. Write an essay on **any one** of the given topics:

(i) Higher education versus Skill acquisition.

OR

(ii) 'Vocal for Local' and the covid-19 pandemic.

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