

Sikkim Public Service Commission

Main Written Examination for the Post of Food Safety Officer under Sikkim State Subordinate Paramedical Service

PAPER I

Time allowed: 3.00 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, TORN OR MISSING PAGES OR ITEMS. IF SO, GET IT REPLACED BY A COMPLETE TEST BOOKLET.**
2. **Use only Black Ball Point Pen to fill the OMR Sheet.**
3. Please note that it is the candidate's responsibility to fill in the Roll Number carefully without any omission or discrepancy at the appropriate places in the OMR ANSWER SHEET for MCQ. Any omission/discrepancy will render the Answer Sheet liable for rejection.
4. Do not write anything else on the OMR Answer Sheet except the required information.
5. **The total marks for this paper is 100. All MCQ type questions for Section A (English) carries 1 mark each and 2 marks each for Section B (General Knowledge). Questions in Section C carries 10 marks each and has to be written on separate Answer Sheet provided to you.**
6. Before you proceed to mark in the Answer Sheet (OMR), you have to fill in some particulars in the Answer Sheet (OMR) as per given instructions.
7. After you have completed filling in all your responses on the Answer Sheet (OMR) and the examination has concluded, you should hand over the Answer Sheet (OMR) and Separate answer sheet to the Invigilator only. You are permitted to take with you the Test Booklet.
8. **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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SECTION A: ENGLISH

Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer from the given options

(30x1=30)

Among the natural resources which can be called upon in national plans for development, possibly the most important is human labour. Since the English language suffers from a certain weakness in its ability to describe groups composed of both male and female members, this is usually described as "manpower".

Without a productive labour force, including effective leadership and intelligent middle management, no amount of foreign assistance or natural wealth can ensure successful development and modernization. The manpower for development during the next quarter century will come from the world's present population of infants, children and adolescents. But we are not sure that they will be equal to the task. Will they have the health, the education, the skills, the socio-cultural attitudes essential for the responsibilities of development?

For far too many of them the answer is no. The reason is basic. A child's most critical years, with regard to physical, intellectual, social and emotional development, are those before he/she reaches five years of age. During those critical formative years, the child is cared for almost exclusively by his mother and in many parts of the world the mother may not have the capacity to raise a superior child. She is incapable of doing so by reason of her own poor health, her ignorance and her lack of status and recognition of social and legal rights, of economic parity of independence.

One essential factor has been overlooked or ignored. The forgotten factor is the role of women. Development will be handicapped as long as women remain second-class citizens, uneducated, without any voice in family and community, decisions without legal or economic status, married when they are still practically children, and henceforth producing one baby after another, often to see half of them die before they are of school age.

We can enhance development by improving "women power", by giving women the opportunity to develop themselves. Statistics show that average family size increases in inverse ratio to the mother's years of education- it is lowest among college graduates, highest among those with only primary school training, or no education. Malnutrition is most frequent in large families, and increases in frequency with each additional sibling. The principle seems established that an educated mother has healthier and more intelligent children, and that this is related to the fact that she has fewer children. The tendency of educated, upper class mothers to have fewer children operates even without access to contraceptive services.

The educational level of women is significant also because it has a direct influence upon their chances of employment, and the number of employed women in a country's total

labour force has a direct bearing on both the Gross National Product and the disposable income of the individual family. Disposable income, especially in the hands of women, influences food purchasing and therefore the nutritional status of the family. The fact that the additional income derives from the paid employment of women provides a logical incentive to restrict the size of the family.

Choose the appropriate option:

- 1) Among the natural resources which can be called upon in National Plan for development_____
 - A. The most important is certainly human labour
 - B. The most important is possibly human labour
 - C. The least developed is certainly human labour
 - D. The least developed is undoubtedly human labour

- 2) Without the productive labour force, including effective leadership and intelligent middle management_____
 - A. No productive work is possible
 - B. Entrepreneurs will incur heavy losses
 - C. Economic development will not keep pace with national movements.
 - D. No amount of foreign assistance or of natural wealth can ensure successful development and modernization

- 3) The manpower development during the next quarter century_____
 - A. Will be adversely affected by the threat of war
 - B. Will come from the world's present population of infants, children and adolescents
 - C. Will be taken care of by the current emphasis on free education for women
 - D. Will be adversely affected by the country's economic losses and political instability

- 4) Disposable income in the hands of women strengthen
 - A. Family bond
 - B. Nutritional status of the family
 - C. Spiritual status of the family
 - D. None of the above

- 5) What is the meaning of the word 'exclusively'?
- A. Only
 - B. As many
 - C. Partial
 - D. Divided

Choose the correct synonyms of the following words:

- 6) Liberal
- A. Broad-minded
 - B. Generous
 - C. Visionary
 - D. Imaginative
- 7) Diligent
- A. Fool
 - B. Unhappy
 - C. Hardworking
 - D. Disappointment
- 8) Utility
- A. Benefit
 - B. Usefulness
 - C. Profitability
 - D. Advantage
- 9) Fiction
- A. Imaginary
 - B. Tamed
 - C. Novel
 - D. Wildness
- 10) Fugitive
- A. Escaping
 - B. Enduring
 - C. Vain
 - D. Weak

Choose the correct antonyms for the following words:

11) Protects

- A. Defends
- B. Deprives
- C. Deserts
- D. Devises

12) Foremost

- A. Hindmost
- B. Unimportant
- C. Mature
- D. Disposed

13) Prosperous

- A. Adverse
- B. Advanced
- C. Retarded
- D. Poor

14) Differences

- A. Resemblances
- B. Discrimination
- C. Dissimilarities
- D. Agreement

15) Superiority

- A. Seniority
- B. Juniority
- C. Inferiority
- D. Posterity

Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:

- 16) This material is different _____ that
A. From
B. To
C. With
D. For
- 17) You should explain it _____ them
A. To
B. At
C. With
D. For
- 18) He has been absent _____ Monday
A. Since
B. For
C. From
D. None of the above
- 19) I have not been to the theatre _____ a long time
A. For
B. Since
C. From
D. Till
- 20) He said that he was very pleased _____ my work
A. At
B. For
C. With
D. In

Choose the appropriate one-word substitution:

- 21) A person who renounces the world and practices self-discipline in order to attain salvation
- A. Sceptic
 - B. Ascetic
 - C. Devotee
 - D. Cleric
- 22) One who abandons his religious faith
- A. Apostate
 - B. Prostate
 - C. Profane
 - D. None of the above
- 23) One who does not believe in the existence of God
- A. Theist
 - B. Heretic
 - C. Atheist
 - D. Fanatic
- 24) Story of old time Gods or heroes is
- A. Lyric
 - B. Epic
 - C. Legend
 - D. Romance
- 25) One who cannot be easily pleased
- A. Cosmopolitan
 - B. Frightening
 - C. Fastidious
 - D. Feminist

Rephrase/ paraphrase the following sentences with the appropriate option

26) "If you don't keep quiet, I shall shoot you", he said to the her in a calm voice

- A. He warned her to shoot if she did not keep quiet calmly.
- B. He said calmly that I shall shoot you if you don't be quiet
- C. He warned her calmly that he would shoot her if she didn't keep quiet
- D. Calmly he warned her that be quiet or else he will have to shoot her

27) I told him that he was not working hard

- A. I said to him, "You are not working hard".
- B. I told him, "You are not working hard".
- C. I said, "You are not working hard".
- D. I said to him, "He is not working hard".

28) His father ordered him to go to his room and study

- A. His father said, "Go to your room and study".
- B. His father said to him, "Go and study in your room".
- C. His father shouted, "Go right now to your study room".
- D. His father said firmly, "Go and study in your room".

29) He said to his father, "Please increase my pocket money".

- A. He told his father, "Please increase the pocket money".
- B. He pleaded his father to increase my pocket money
- C. He requested his father to increase his pocket money.
- D. He asked his father to increase his pocket money.

30) She said that her brother was getting married

- A. She said, "Her brother is getting married".
- B. She told, "Her brother is getting married".
- C. She said, "My brother is getting married".
- D. She said, "My brother was getting married".

31) Secularism means

- A. Suppression of all religions
- B. Freedom of worship of minorities
- C. Separation of religion from state
- D. A system of political and social philosophy that does not favor any particular religious faith

32) An Indian origin won the 2019 Nobel Prize for economic sciences. Who is he?

- A. Abhijit Banerjee
- B. Kailash Satyarthi
- C. Amartya Sen
- D. Rabindra Nath Tagore

33) Kailash Mansarovar Yatra is undertaken by which route in Sikkim?

- A. Nathula pass
- B. Jelepala pass
- C. Kanla pass
- D. Kongrala pass

34) The study of relation of animals and plants to their surroundings is called

- A. Ecology
- B. Ethnology
- C. Genealogy
- D. Iconology

35) What is the name of the six-year project launched by the union government to ensure conservation of local and global biodiversity, land and forest resources in high Himalayan ecosystem?

- A. Safe Himalaya
- B. Secure Himalaya
- C. Save Himalaya
- D. Save and secure Himalaya

36) Who was the first Indian to win an Oscar award?

- A. Shabana Azmi
- B. Bhanu Athaiya
- C. Satyajit Ray
- D. Naseeruddin Shah

37) The lacustrine deposits of Kashmir called 'Karewas' are known for:

- A. Saffron cultivation
- B. Terrace farming
- C. Apple orchards
- D. Jhum cultivation

38) Which festival is celebrated in Sikkim to pay homage to the Mountain deity Kanchendzonga?

- A. Sagadawa
- B. Bhumchu
- C. Drukpa Tsechi
- D. Pang Lhabsol

39) Among the following places, the average annual rainfall is highest at

- A. Chennai
- B. Shilling
- C. Kolkata
- D. Thiruvananthapuram

40) Which city is hosting the UN Climate change conference (COP25) after Chile withdraws?

- A. New York
- B. Paris
- C. Madrid
- D. New Delhi

- 41) Which state government has launched a new initiative "Meal in exchange for plastic waste"?
- A. Tamil Nadu
 - B. Odisha
 - C. Jharkhand
 - D. West Bengal
- 42) Which Indian city has got the world Guinness record for lighting four lakh diyas?
- A. Lucknow
 - B. Ayodhya
 - C. Bhopal
 - D. Jaipur
- 43) Which of the following are the works of Kalidasa?
- A. Ritusamhara
 - B. Meghduta
 - C. Dasakumarcharita
 - D. Kumarashambhava
- 44) Who has been appointed as the 47th Chief Justice of India?
- A. Jasti Chelaveswar
 - B. Aniruddha Bose
 - C. Sharad Arvind Bobde
 - D. Madan Lokur
- 45) Which Buddhist site of Bihar was recently in news for 50th anniversary of establishment of Vishwa Shanti stupa (world peace pagoda)?
- A. Gaya
 - B. Rajgir
 - C. Nalanda
 - D. Bodh Gaya

46) Ex- shakti 2019 is a joint counter- terrorism drill between armies of India and _____

- A. United States of America
- B. United Kingdom
- C. France
- D. Israel

47) Which Indian actor has joined hands with UNICEF and ministry of women and child development to raise awareness and speak up against sexual abuse of children?

- A. Ayushman Khurana
- B. Hritik Roshan
- C. Raj Kumar Rao
- D. Vicky Kaushal

48) Which state has registered highest number of crimes against women as per crime in India report?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. West Bengal
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Madhya Pradesh

49) Which Indian sportsperson has won the Vogue's sportsperson of the year 2019?

- A. Dutee Chand
- B. P V. Sindhu
- C. Mary Kom
- D. Mithali Raj

50) Which UN agency has launched the campaign 'FEED our future' against hunger and malnutrition in India?

- A. UNESCO
- B. WFP
- C. FAO
- D. UNIDO

51) What is the theme of 2019 edition of World Food Day (WFD)?

- A. #Familyfarming
- B. #Zerohungerworld
- C. #Feedingworld
- D. #Foodprices- from crisis to stability

52) The Ganges dolphins were discovered in:

- A. 1972
- B. 2001
- C. 1801
- D. 1899

53) Who won the 100th Noble Peace Prize 2019?

- A. Nadia Murad
- B. Juan Manual Santos
- C. Olga Tokarczuk
- D. Abiy Ahmed Ali

54) The archaeological remains of which institution is found in the vicinity of a village called 'Bara Gaon' in the eastern part of India?

- A. Taxila University
- B. Nalanda University
- C. Ujjain Sun Temple
- D. None of the above

55) Deepika Padukone and PV Sindhu have been named ambassadors for which scheme?

- A. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- B. Bharat ki Laxmi
- C. Mahila-E-Haat
- D. Swadhan Greh the Swadhan Scheme

SECTION C: LETTER WRITING AND ESSAY WRITING

(10x2=20)

LETTER WRITING -

(10 MARKS)

56. Write a letter to the editor of Sikkim Daily Newspaper complaining about the noise pollution in your locality during the festival season drawing attention of the government to take steps to check the same.

OR

You are Tshering/Chimi staying at Singtam Housing Colony, Singtam, Sikkim. There are no street lights on the main road leading to the colony. The road gets dark after six in the evening and that a possibility of some major accident cannot be ruled out. Write a letter to the editor of Summit Times, Sikkim, drawing attention of the government to this serious problem of the residents of the housing colony.

ESSAY WRITING:

(10 marks)

57. Write an essay on any one of the topics given below:

- a) The role of youth in National Development

OR

- b) Ban on single use plastic