

# Sikkim Public Service Commission

Written Examination for the post of Inspector, Legal Metrology

## PAPER - I GENERAL ENGLISH & GENERAL STUDIES

Time Allowed: 3.00 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

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6. Section A is **General English** and Section B is **General Studies** which have to be answered in the OMR Sheet provided to the candidate. Section C is **General English - Conventional** which has to be answered in the Answer Sheet provided. All Sections are **Compulsory**.
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## **SECTION – A**

### **(GENERAL ENGLISH)**

**Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answers from the given options: (1X10=10)**

The Sun, while going on his daily rounds saw a princess and fell in love with her. Whenever he could slip away from the heaven, he would take human form and go down to the princess to spend time with her. The princess too became quite fond of him and would wait for him to come. One day the Sun decided to send her a blood red ruby as a token of his love for her. He put the gem in a silk bag and calling a crow that was flying past, asked the bird to deliver the gem to his beloved. Crows had milky white feathers in those days and it was considered auspicious if a crow came near you. So the Sun was pleased that he had found a crow to deliver a gem. As the crow sped through the sky with the silken bag, the aroma of food lured him. Looking down, the crow saw that a wedding feast was in progress, and immediately it was distracted from its mission. Food was one thing it could never resist.

Alighting on a tree nearby, it hung the bag on a twig and went off to find some food. While the crow was feasting, a merchant passing saw the bag on the tree, and knocked it down with a pole. When he opened the bag and saw its contents he almost swooned in joy. Quickly pocketing the ruby, he filled the bag with dry cow dung that was lying there, and deftly returned the bag to the branch. It was all done so quickly that the crow missed all the action. After having its fill, it flew up to the tree, and picking up the bag, took it to the person it was intended for. The princess was in the garden. When the crow gave her bag, she took it eagerly, knowing that it was from the Sun. But when she saw its contents he reeled back in shock and anger. Believing that it was the Sun's way of telling her that he did not care for her, she flung the bag away, rushed to her palace and never came out again. When the Sun learnt of what had happened, he was furious. So great was his anger that when he turned his scorching gaze on the crow, its feathers were burnt black. Its feathers have been black ever since. The ruby did not stay with the man who stole it. It fell out of his pocket and rolled into a deep pit. Men have been trying to dig it out ever since. Many precious stones have been found in the process, making Myanmar one of the richest sources of rubies and sapphires, but the ruby that the Sun sent to the princess is yet to be found.

**1. What did the Sun send for the princess as a token of his love?**

- A. He sent her the crow
- B. He sent her dry cow dung
- C. He sent her a red ruby
- D. He gifted her city of Myanmar



**2. Why did the princess fling the gift away?**

- A. She did not like the rubies
- B. The crow was known to bring bad luck
- C. She thought the Sun was playing a cruel joke on her
- D. She had found cow dung in the bag

**3. What led to the discovery of precious stones in Myanmar?**

- A. Humans discovered precious stones in their search for the lost ruby
- B. The crow spread the news of the lost ruby
- C. The princess went in search of the lost ruby and discovered other precious stones
- D. The merchant's clumsiness led to the discovery of precious stones

**4. While on its way to the princess the crow was distracted by:**

- A. The merchant calling out to him
- B. The wedding that was taking place below
- C. The temptation of the smell of the food
- D. The huge crowd at the wedding

**5. Why did the Sun send his gift for the princess along with the crow?**

- A. The Sun trusted the crow
- B. The crow was considered to be an auspicious bird
- C. The crow was the only bird available at that time
- D. The crow knew where the princess lived

**6. The joy of the merchant on finding the ruby was short lived because**

- A. He did not succeed in stealing the ruby
- B. The ruby fell out of his pocket
- C. The crow returned just in time and caught him red handed
- D. He soon discovered many more precious stones

**7. How did the crow get its black colour?**

- A. The crow was punished by the Sun for its clumsiness
- B. The crow was not considered auspicious anymore
- C. The crow was cursed by the merchant
- D. The crow was burned black by the scorching gaze of the angry Sun

**8. What message did the princess get after opening the bag?**

- A. That the crow was an evil bird
- B. That the crow was playing a joke on her
- C. That the Sun did not love her anymore
- D. That the cow dung was a token of the Sun's love for her

9. Choose the word that is most **SIMILAR** in meaning to the word 'Deftly'

- A. Skilfully
- B. Blindly
- C. Rightfully
- D. Eagerly

10. Choose the word that is most **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the word 'Scorching'

- A. Heated
- B. Warm
- C. Cool
- D. Composed

Choose the correct **SYNONYMS** for the following words: (1X5=5)

11. **PLACATE**

- A. To make sure
- B. To annoy
- C. To pacify
- D. To flatten out

12. **FORESTALL**

- A. Avoid
- B. Frighten
- C. Prevent
- D. Disappoint

13. **FOSTERING**

- A. Safeguarding
- B. Neglecting
- C. Ignoring
- D. Nurturing

14. **ROTUND**

- A. Stout
- B. Round
- C. Resonant
- D. Glided

15. **GRIPE**

- A. Complaint
- B. Journey
- C. Resentment
- D. Satisfaction

**Choose the correct ANTONYMS for the following words: (1X5=5)**

**16. COMMISSIONED**

- A. Started
- B. Closed
- C. Finished
- D. Terminated

**17. AMICABLE**

- A. Hostile
- B. Friendly
- C. Haughty
- D. Unpleasant

**18. REJECT**

- A. Agree
- B. Accept
- C. Embrace
- D. Adopt

**19. FLUSTER**

- A. Disconcert
- B. Disobey
- C. Arrange
- D. Upset

**20. ANTIQUITY**

- A. Youthfulness
- B. Innovation
- C. Recent
- D. Common

**Pick out the grammatical error in the following sentences: (1X5=5)**

**21. He is going everyday/for a morning walk/with his friends and family.**

- A. He is going everyday
- B. for a morning walk
- C. with his friends and family
- D. No error

**22. My father goes/to the office/five day a week.**

- A. My father goes
- B. to the office
- C. five day a week
- D. No error

**23. The capital of Yemen/is situating/2190 meters above/the sea level.**

- A)The capital of Yemen
- B)is situating
- C)2190 meters above
- D)the sea level

**24. The captain along with his team/are practicing very hard/for the/forthcoming matches.**

- A. The captain along with his team
- B. are practicing very hard
- C. for the
- D. forthcoming matches

**25. Both the/girls helped/one another.**

- A. Both the
- B. girls helped
- C. one another
- D. No error

**The following sentences are given in Active or Passive voice. Choose the one which best expresses the given sentences in Passive or Active voice: (1X5=5)**

**26. Our task had been completed before sunset.**

- A. We completed our task before sunset.
- B. We have completed our task before sunset.
- C. We complete our task before sunset.
- D. We had completed our task before sunset.

**27. The boy laughed at the beggar.**

- A. The beggar was laughed at by the boy.
- B. The beggar was laughed by the boy.
- C. The beggar was being laughed by the boy.
- D. The beggar was being laughed at by the boy.

**28. They will demolish the entire block.**

- A. The entire block was being demolished.
- B. The entire block may be demolished entirely.
- C. The entire block will have to be demolished.
- D. The entire block will be demolished.



**29. He was disgusted with the flattery of his assistant.**

- A. The flattery of his assistant disgusted him.
- B. His assistant's flattery had disgusted him.
- C. He was disgusted with his assistant for his flattery.
- D. He was being disgusted with the flattery of his assistant.

**30. Has a dog ever bitten you?**

- A. Has the dog ever bite you?
- B. Have you ever being bitten by a dog?
- C. Have you ever bitten by a dog?
- D. Are you bitten by a dog?

**SECTION - B**

**(GENERAL STUDIES)**

**Choose the correct answers for the following questions from the options given below: (1X50=50)**

**31. On which day is Sikkim statehood celebrated?**

- A. June 16
- B. August 22
- C. May 16
- D. April 19

**32. At what altitude was the first green solar energy harnessing plant built in Sikkim?**

- A. 17000 ft
- B. 15420 ft
- C. 12000 ft
- D. 16000 ft

**33. Which company has launched the 'Future Engineer Programme' in India?**

- A. Google
- B. Amazon
- C. Microsoft
- D. Facebook

**34. On which day is 'International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction' observed?**

- A. September 29
- B. September 30
- C. October 16
- D. October 2

**35. Najla Bouden Romdhane is the first female Prime Minister of which country?**

- A. Turkey
- B. Tunisia
- C. Greece
- D. Cuba



**36. Sumit Antil who recently won a gold medal in Tokyo Paralympics for India, is associated with which sport?**

- A. High Jump
- B. Shooting
- C. Javelin Throw
- D. Discuss Throw

**37. Who among the following leaders joined Gandhiji in the Champaran Satyagraha held on April 10, 1917?**

- A. Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- B. Subhash Chandra Bose
- C. Rajendra Prasad
- D. None of these

**38. \_\_\_\_\_ was the deity in most of the Chola kingdoms.**

- A. Vishnu
- B. Shiva
- C. Brahma
- D. Krishna

**39. Which among the following philosophy deals with logic?**

- A. Yoga
- B. Samkhya
- C. Nyaya
- D. None of the above

**40. Who among the following personalities wrote a play 'Nil Darpan' to portray the oppression of indigo farmers?**

- A. Shambhu Pal
- B. Ishwar Chandra Roy
- C. Harish Chandra Mukherji
- D. Dinabandhu Mitra

**41. Which range separates Sikkim from Nepal?**

- A. Singalila Range
- B. Dongkya Range
- C. Patkai Range
- D. Purvanchal Range

42. Which region of China borders Sikkim?
- A. Mongolia Autonomous Region
  - B. Tibet Autonomous Region
  - C. Xinjiang Autonomous Region
  - D. TTADC
43. Which among the following is India's deepest landlocked and protected part?
- A. Vishakhapatnam
  - B. Chennai
  - C. Paradeep
  - D. Kandla
44. Which of the following statement is/are correct?
- I. While Krishna and Cauvery are east flowing rivers, Narmada and Tapi are west flowing.
  - II. While Krishna and Cauvery form deltas, no deltas are formed by Narmada and Tapi.
- A. Only I
  - B. Only II
  - C. Both I and II
  - D. Neither I nor II
45. On summer solstice, the sun's rays fall perpendicular on which among the following circles?
- A. Tropic of Capricorn
  - B. Equator
  - C. Tropic of Cancer
  - D. None of the above
46. Which canal connects Baltic Sea and North Sea?
- A. Kiel canal
  - B. Panama canal
  - C. Suez canal
  - D. Danube canal
47. How many times does the word 'Secular' appear in the Indian Constitution?
- A. 4
  - B. 1
  - C. 3
  - D. 2

**48. The Constitution of India is considered to be federal in nature and unitary in spirit. Which of the following is not a federal feature?**

- A. Three tier governmental structure
- B. Independent Judiciary
- C. Bicameralism
- D. Appointment of the state governors by the central government

**49. Which of the following Indian state was to first establish Panchayati Raj System?**

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Karnataka

**50. What is the emblem of Sikkim?**

- A. Satyameva Jayate
- B. Kanglasha
- C. Kham-Sum-Wangdu
- D. Unity

**51. How many seats are there in the Sikkim legislative assembly?**

- A. 32
- B. 35
- C. 48
- D. 20

**52. A large part of Sikkim's export consist of \_\_\_\_\_?**

- A. Tea
- B. Cardamom
- C. Ginger
- D. Soybean

**53. Which of the following is the first shore-based steel plant in India?**

- A. Durgapur Steel Plant
- B. Salem Steel
- C. Bhadravati Steel Plant
- D. Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant

**54. In which year was Rs.10,000 notes demonetized?**

- A. 1978
- B. 1962
- C. 1985
- D. 2010



**55. Which is the highest populated state in India?**

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

**56. Which of the following is a Universal Eye Health Programme launched in Sikkim by the Health Minister of Sikkim?**

- A. Roshni
- B. Ujjyalo
- C. Eyecare
- D. Drishti

**57. Which of the following is a compilation of Limboo poems which was recently released in Sikkim?**

- A. Hetlukwa
- B. Naya Pallav
- C. Silam Sakma
- D. Yuma Mang

**58. Name the folk wind instrument made of bamboo found in Sikkim?**

- A. Khomok
- B. Panthong Palit
- C. Sarangi
- D. Ektara

**59. Dappu dance is a famous dance form of which Indian state?**

- A. West Bengal
- B. Assam
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Andhra Pradesh

**60. Madai festival is a tribal festival of which Indian state?**

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Assam
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Manipur

61. Which is the first Indian state to vaccinate its entire adult population with first dose against corona virus?
- A. Andhra Pradesh
  - B. West Bengal
  - C. Himachal Pradesh
  - D. Goa
62. Who has been awarded the Behler Turtle Conservation 2021?
- A. Joseph L Goldstein
  - B. Shailendra Singh
  - C. Richard Dawkins
  - D. Priyambada Mohanty
63. Which of the following diseases is caused by virus?
- A. Tuberculosis
  - B. Typhoid
  - C. Influenza
  - D. Diphtheria
64. On which day is 'World Lymphoma Awareness Day' observed globally?
- A. September 15
  - B. September 9
  - C. September 10
  - D. July 31
65. What is the meaning of Saga Dawa?
- A. Lights
  - B. Sacred Pot
  - C. New Year
  - D. Fourth Month
66. In which district is the Fambong Lho Wildlife Sanctuary located in Sikkim?
- A. North Sikkim
  - B. South Sikkim
  - C. West Sikkim
  - D. East Sikkim
67. Which hot spring in Sikkim is located at the base of the Dongkha-La pass?
- A. Yumthang Hot Spring
  - B. Yumesamdong Hot Spring
  - C. Ralong Hot Spring
  - D. Borong Hot Spring

**68. When is the 'International Day for Eradication of Poverty' observed?**

- A. October 17
- B. October 29
- C. September 29
- D. October 19

**69. What was the theme for the International Day of the Girl Child 2020?**

- A. Breaking Barriers
- B. Leaving no one behind
- C. My voice, our equal future
- D. Honouring the Daughters

**70. National Pollution Day is observed in the memory of Bhopal gas tragedy. In which year did the tragedy happen?**

- A. 1975
- B. 1984
- C. 1988
- D. 2003

**71. Which Indian state has launched an application named 'Secha Samadhan' for the farmers?**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat
- C. Odisha
- D. Haryana

**72. Government is to frame design for Deep Sea Fishing Vessels (DSFV) to implement which scheme?**

- A. PM Kisan Yojana
- B. PM Matsya Sampada Yojana
- C. PM Fishery Kisan Yojana
- D. PM Machli Vikas

**73. What is the name of the ISRO's Space Situational Awareness (SSA) Centre?**

- A. Space Watch
- B. Vision
- C. Gagan yaan
- D. Netra



**74. Which Indian company is to launch a new Covid-19 vaccine under the brand name Covovax?**

- A. Dr Reddy's
- B. Serum Institute of India
- C. Biocon
- D. Sun Pharma

**75. As per the third round of the sero survey by ICMR, how many Indians out every five are infected by corona virus?**

- A. 1
- B. 2.5
- C. 0.5
- D. 4

**76. World Day on trafficking of persons is observed on which day?**

- A. July 31
- B. October 29
- C. July 30
- D. September 29

**77. Tamu Lochar is an important festival of which community in Sikkim?**

- A. Limboo
- B. Bhutia
- C. Gurung
- D. Rai

**78. Which of the following festival is celebrated by the Mangar community?**

- A. Sakewa
- B. Barahimzong
- C. Teyongsi Sirijuna Sawan Tongnam
- D. Tamu Lochar

**79. Which is the largest river in the world in terms of discharge volume of water?**

- A. Niger river
- B. Nile
- C. Ganges
- D. Amazon river

**80. Who is the Minister for Power Department in Sikkim?**

- A. Shri Karma Loday Bhutia
- B. Shri Sonam Lama
- C. Shri Arun Upreti
- D. Shri Mingma Norbu Sherpa

**SECTION – C**

**(GENERAL ENGLISH – CONVENTIONAL)**

81. Imagine you have to travel to the town to reach your work place and there is constant rainfall in your area from the past few days. Write a letter to your friend stating the problems you are facing every day. (10)

**OR**

Write a letter to your friend who is working from home in Bangalore. Give him advice on how to manage his daily routine and keep healthy and fit. (10)

82. Write an essay on any one of the topics given below: (10)

A) The impact of social media on social relationships

B) Biased media is a threat to democracy

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