

# Sikkim Public Service Commission

Main Written Examination for the post of

**Programmer**

**Paper I : General English & GK**

Time Allowed : 2 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 100

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## English

### Multiple Choice Questions

[75x1=75]

Read the passage carefully and choose the most appropriate option for the following questions:

Nature writing is non-fiction or fiction prose or poetry about the natural environment. Nature writing encompasses a wide variety of works, ranging from those that place primary emphasis on nature history facts (such as field guides) to those in which philosophical interpretation predominate. It includes natural history essays, poetry, essays of solitude or escape, as well as travel and adventure writing.

Nature writing often draws heavily on scientific information and facts about the natural world; at the same time, it is frequently written in the first person and incorporates personal observations and philosophical reflections upon nature.

Modern nature writing traces its roots to the works of natural history that were popular in the second half of the 18th century and throughout the 19th. An important early figure was the 'parson-naturalist' Gilbert White (1720-1793), a pioneering English naturalist and ornithologist. He is best known for his *Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne* (1798).

- 1) Nature writing emphasises on
- I. Historical facts about the nature
  - II. Philosophical interpretations of the nature
  - III. Scientific information and facts

Choose the appropriate

- A) None of the above
  - B) Only (i) and (ii)
  - C) All the above
  - D) Only (iii)
- 2) Based on the passage what is period to which the modern nature writing can be traced to
- A) 1850 till 1999
  - B) 1850 to 1899
  - C) 1750 till 1899
  - D) 1750 till 1900

- 3) Which statement summarises the above passage
- A) The passage talks about the life and lessons of Gilbert White, a profound naturalist and ornithologist.
  - B) The passage talks about how the nature writing is missing in the modern era and needs to be revived.
  - C) The passage talks about from where the writers draw inspiration for nature writing, and how its importance is diminishing in the modern era.
  - D) The passage talks about what nature writing is, the different types of nature writing, its style and about the roots and pioneer of modern nature writing.
- 4) Which word aptly describes the word 'reflections' as used in the passage
- A) Opinion
  - B) Reproduction
  - C) Images
  - D) None of the above
- 5) According to the passage, what kind of works are written as part of nature writing?
- I. Nature history essays and essays of solitude or escape
  - II. Poetry
  - III. Travel and adventure writing

Choose the most appropriate

- A) Only (i)
- B) Only (i) and (ii)
- C) Only (ii) and (iii)
- D) All the above

Choose the appropriate Antonyms of the following words:

- 6) Embrace
- A) Disobey
  - B) Contradict
  - C) Reject
  - D) Obscene
- 7) Under reign
- A) Under wrap
  - B) No clout
  - C) Without target
  - D) Let loose

8) Coercive

- A) Gentle
- B) Progressive
- C) Promoting
- D) Opinionated

9) Discrepancy

- A) Consistency
- B) Inappropriate
- C) Variance
- D) Vagary

10) Kindle

- A) Invoke
- B) Put off
- C) Awaken
- D) Lavish

**Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:**

11) He is incapable \_\_\_\_\_ doing good.

- A) of
- B) in
- C) on
- D) at

12) The writer is entitled \_\_\_\_\_ his remuneration.

- A) with
- B) to
- C) at
- D) over

13) She quarrelled with me \_\_\_\_\_ a truffle.

- A) on
- B) with
- C) beyond
- D) over

14) He abstains \_\_\_\_\_ liquor.

- A) to
- B) against
- C) from
- D) to



- 15) My friend is not involved \_\_\_\_\_ this matter.
- A) with
  - B) beside
  - C) for
  - D) in

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

- 16) I saw him conducting the rehearsal
- A) I saw the rehearsal to be conducted by him.
  - B) He was seen by me to conduct the rehearsal.
  - C) He was seen conducting the rehearsal.
  - D) I saw the rehearsal being conducted by him.
- 17) Have the box broken.
- A) Have the broken box.
  - B) Break the box.
  - C) Get someone to break the box.
  - D) They have broken the box.
- 18) Do you imitate others?
- A) Are others imitated by you?
  - B) Are others being imitated by you?
  - C) Were others being imitated by you?
  - D) Have others been imitated by you?
- 19) One should keep one's promise.
- A) One's promises should be kept by us.
  - B) One's promise has to be kept.
  - C) A promise should be keeping.
  - D) A promise should be kept.
- 20) They will demolish the entire block.
- A) The entire block is being demolished.
  - B) The entire block will be demolished.
  - C) The block may be demolished entirely.
  - D) The entire block will have to be demolished by them.

Fill in the blanks with suitable words:

21) His old clothes and uncombed hair gave him a \_\_\_\_\_ appearance.

- A) discontented
- B) disreputable
- C) disrespectful
- D) disputatious

22) The father was angry and cast \_\_\_\_\_ his son.

- A) off
- B) of
- C) down
- D) about

23) The valley is known for its \_\_\_\_\_ growth of vegetation.

- A) luxurious
- B) luxury
- C) luxuriant
- D) luxuriously

24) I hardly recognise her \_\_\_\_\_ I saw her after five years.

- A) after
- B) what
- C) and
- D) when

25) Ria is \_\_\_\_\_ at speaking languages.

- A) adept
- B) adapt
- C) adopt
- D) adapted

### General Knowledge

- 26) Where was 22nd National Conference on E-Governance 2019 held?
- A) Delhi
  - B) Hyderabad
  - C) Shillong
  - D) Guwahati
- 27) Which place is selected as the venue for Open Volleyball Tournament organised by the Pang Lhabsol Celebration Committee in Sikkim?
- A) Singtam
  - B) Rabongla
  - C) Soreng
  - D) Jorethang
- 28) The researches at which IIT have developed eco-friendly solar cells using kumkum dye?
- A) IIT Hyderabad
  - B) IIT Kanpur
  - C) IIT Kharagpur
  - D) IIT Roorkee
- 29) Which union ministry has launched Swaccha Survekshan Grameen 2019?
- A) Ministry of Rural Development
  - B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
  - C) Ministry of Culture
  - D) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- 30) Which organisation has launched a special drive code named 'Operation Number Plate'?
- A) NSG
  - B) RPF
  - C) BSF
  - D) CRPF
- 31) Which of the following has announced Vikram Sarabhai Journalism Award?
- A) ISRO
  - B) DRDO
  - C) BARC
  - D) VSSC

- 32) Newly discovered Kaji Sara lake is in which country?
- A) Bangladesh
  - B) Bhutan
  - C) Nepal
  - D) India
- 33) Which Indian airline is set to become the first to fly over the North Pole?
- A) Jet Airways
  - B) Air India
  - C) Spice Jet
  - D) Indigo
- 34) Which article was scrapped recently from the state of Jammu and Kashmir?
- A) Article 370
  - B) Article 371
  - C) Article 360
  - D) Article 377
- 35) How many states signed the MOU with Textile Ministry under SAMARTH Scheme?
- A) 15
  - B) 18
  - C) 16
  - D) 10
- 36) Who is the author of the book 'Kashmir's Untold Story: Declassified'?
- A) Parvez Sharma
  - B) Iqbal Chand Malhotra
  - C) Jabbar Patel
  - D) Aleksa M. Fazil
- 37) Nine year old Advait Bhatia recently climbed Mount Kilimanjaro is from which city?
- A) Pune
  - B) Vizag
  - C) Chandigarh
  - D) Bhubaneswar



38) Which state has got 'Best Innovation and Initiative Leadership award' at the World Education Summit 2019?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Kerala
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Odisha

39) Which day is observed as 'A Day for Mother Earth' in Sikkim?

- A) June 7
- B) Aug 16
- C) September 8
- D) July 7

40) Which scheme for household purpose has been announced by our PM Modi on 2019 Independence Day?

- A) Samaj Seva Mission
- B) Swachh Bharat
- C) Jal Jeevan Mission
- D) Digital India Mission

41) Whose character has been portrayed by Akshay Kumar in Mission Mangal?

- A) Rakesh Dhawan
- B) Vikram Sarabhai
- C) M.G.K. Menon
- D) A.S. Kiran Kumar

42) Which Scientist is popularly known as 'Rocket Man'?

- A) Nambi Narayan
- B) Kailasavadivoo Sivan
- C) Subbiah Arunan
- D) B.N. Suresh

43) Which of the following program meets the credit needs of poor women in India?

- A) Mahila Samriddhi Yojna
- B) Rashtriya Mahila Kosh
- C) Indira Mahila Yojna
- D) Mahila Samakhya Programme

- 44) Which is the largest commercial bank of India?
- A) Reserve Bank of India
  - B) State bank of India
  - C) ICICI Bank
  - D) Bank of India
- 45) Garampani sanctuary is located at:
- A) Junagadh, Gujarat
  - B) Kohima, Nagaland
  - C) Diphu, Assam
  - D) Gangtok, Sikkim
- 46) 21) Which festival is celebrated to pay homage to Mount Kanchenjunga in Sikkim?
- A) Pang Lhabsol
  - B) Bhumchu
  - C) Lo Soong
  - D) Losar
- 47) Which one of the following is not an official language of United Nation?
- A) Arabic
  - B) Chinese
  - C) Portuguese
  - D) Spanish
- 48) Which one of the following will relieve pain when applied due to ant bite or bee sting?
- A) Lemon Juice
  - B) Vinegar
  - C) Caustic Soda
  - D) Baking Soda
- 49) Bar is a unit of which one of the following?
- A) Force
  - B) Energy
  - C) Pressure
  - D) Frequency
- 50) Who is the first Indian to win gold in BWF World Championships?
- A) P.V. Sindhu
  - B) Saina Nehwal
  - C) Parupalli Kashyap
  - D) Kidambi Srikanth

51) Where was electricity supply first introduced in India?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Kolkata
- C) Chennai
- D) Darjeeling

52) Who designed the Indian Parliament?

- A) Herbert Baker
- B) Shah Jahan
- C) Sir Oliver
- D) David Prain

53) Which is the first humanoid robot launched by Russia in space?

- A) Robonaut-2
- B) Curiosity
- C) Spider naut
- D) Fedor

54) 29) Which award is given by Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare?

- A) Anubhav Award
- B) Safety Ward
- C) Above and Beyond Recognition
- D) Pearson Teaching Award

55) Prime Minister Modi announced that the month of September will be celebrated as:

- A) Jal Jeevan Abhiyan
- B) Vikas Abhiyan
- C) Poshan Abhiyan
- D) Karm Chakra

56) Who is the current speaker of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly?

- A) Arun Kumar Upreti
- B) L.B. Das
- C) Bishnu Kumar Sharma
- D) Sanjeet Kharel

57) Who translated the book 'The Diary of Manu Gandhi'?

- A) Tridip Suhrud
- B) Prahlad Singh Patel
- C) Anita Desai
- D) Amish Tripathi

58) Prime Minister Modi was awarded with which prestigious award by UAE?

- A) Tolerance and Peace Award
- B) Sharjah Award
- C) Order of Zayed
- D) Dubai Appreciation Award

59) 'Nishtha' is:

- A) Health and Hygiene Programme
- B) Child Welfare Scheme
- C) Anti-Poverty and Employment Scheme
- D) Integrated Teachers' Training Programme

60) What was the theme of the first 'World Youth Conference on Kindness'?

- A) Antarman ki Udaan
- B) Mann Ki Baat
- C) Dil Se Dil Tak
- D) Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

61) Chandrayaan-2 has carried a lander named:

- A) Bazooka
- B) Cargo
- C) Vikram
- D) Luv-Kush

62) The temple Konark was built by Narasimha of the:

- A) Maratha Dynasty
- B) Chola Dynasty
- C) Ganga Dynasty
- D) Vijaynagar Empire

63) Which country offered Prime Minister Modi with award 'King Hamad Order of Renaissance'?

- A) Bahrain
- B) Israel
- C) UAE
- D) Lebanon



64) Who among the following was the religious guru of Chhatrapati Shivaji?

- A) Tukaram
- B) Eknath
- C) Jnaneshwar
- D) Ram Das

65) The silver coin which was introduced by Sher Shah Suri and continued by the Mughals was known as:

- A) Dinar
- B) Rupiya
- C) Asharfi
- D) Muhar

66) The 'Philip Kotler Presidential Award 2019' was conferred to:

- A) Mr Mukesh Ambani
- B) Prime Minister Mr Modi
- C) Mr Ratan Tata
- D) Late Smt Sushma Swaraj

67) The rocket launcher of Chandrayaan-2 is nicknamed:

- A) A) Rover
- B) B) Prithvi
- C) C) Siddhi
- D) D) Bahubali

68) Which veda mentions Varanasi as Kashi?

- A) Rig Veda
- B) Yajur Veda
- C) Sama Veda
- D) Atharva Veda

69) Which country has launched world's first floating nuclear reactor?

- A) USA
- B) Japan
- C) Russia
- D) China

70) The researches at which IIT has developed lab grown meat?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIT Delhi
- D) IIT Guwahati

- 71) Who is the head of the CVC Committee to examine bank fraud above 50 crore?  
A) D.K. Pathak  
B) Suresh N. Patel  
C) T.M. Bhasin  
D) Madhusudan Prasad
- 72) How many Himalayan peaks have been opened to foreign mountaineers and trekkers by the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs?  
A) 135  
B) 155  
C) 146  
D) 137
- 73) 66th National Awards for Best Actor was shared by:  
A) Akshay Kumar and Vicky Kaushal  
B) Vicky Kaushal and Ayushmann Khurrana  
C) Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Ayushmann Khurrana  
D) Shahid Kapoor and Ranveer Singh
- 74) The first glacier lost to climate change in Iceland is:  
A) Torfajokull  
B) Þoríðsjökull  
C) Vatnajökull  
D) Okjökull
- 75) What is the aim of 'Mission Shakti' a Maharashtra government initiative launched by Amir Khan?  
A) To uplift women power in villages  
B) To groom tribal students for an Olympic medal by 2024  
C) To drive away corruption  
D) Proper education to the poor children

**76) Report writing**

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After a few days of torrential rains in Sikkim, tourists were stranded in North Sikkim due to landslides as the roads were blocked. Write a report on this incident to the daily newspaper.

OR

Write a report on the Independence Day Celebrations in Gangtok.

77) Make a précis of the following passage and give a suitable title.

[5]

Earth is the only planet in this universe where life is possible because of availability of water and oxygen. Without water no-one can exist for a day. Water conservation has become essential in all parts of the world, even where water seems abundant. That's because our water resources are finite and are getting smaller every year. In addition to saving money on your utility bills, water conservation helps prevent water pollution in nearby lakes, rivers and local watersheds.

Conserving water also prevents greenhouse gas emissions associated with treating and distributing water. Conserving water can extend the life of your septic system by reducing soil saturation and pollution due to leaks. We have to conserve and save water in order to protect the environment, save life and save world. We should not contaminate it so that it remains available for the future generations also.

78) Essay writing

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The use of mobile phones affects and controls an individual's mind in more ways than one. To battle against this problem of what is often called the dependence syndrome; various countries are focusing on de-addiction and counselling for the mental well-being of its citizens.

In about 250 words write an essay on how this addiction is affecting individuals and their mental health often leading to relationship problems. Suggest ways and strategies that family and society need to adopt to cope with problematic behaviours arising from it.