

# Sikkim Public Service Commission

Main Written Examination for the Post of Photographer

## Paper I General Knowledge & English

Time Allowed : 2 Hrs

Maximum Marks : 100

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## Section A

### English

**Comprehension: Read the passage carefully and answer the following**

The phrase 'What is it like?' stands for a fundamental thought process. How does one go about observing and reporting on things and events that occupy segments of earth space? Of all the infinite variety of phenomena on the face of the earth, how does one decide what phenomena to observe? There is no such thing as a complete description of the earth or any part of it, for every microscopic point on earth's surface differs from every other such point. Experience shows that the things observed are already familiar, because they are like phenomena that occur at home or because they resemble the abstract images and models developed in the human mind.

How are abstract images formed? Humans alone among the animals possess language; their words symbolise not only specific things but also mental images of classes of things. People can remember what they have seen or experienced because they attach a word symbol to them.

During the long record of our efforts to gain more and more knowledge about the face of the earth as the human habitat, there has been a continuing interplay between things and events. The direct observation through the senses is described as a percept; the mental image is described as a concept. Percepts are what some people describe as reality, in contrast to mental images which are theoretical, implying that they are not real.

The relation of Percept to Concept is not as simple as the definition implies. It is now quite clear that people of different cultures or even individuals in the same culture develop different mental images of reality and what they perceive is a reflection of these preconceptions. The direct observation of things and events on the face of the earth is so clearly a function of the mental images of the mind of the observer that the whole idea of reality must be reconsidered.

Concepts determine what the observer perceives, yet concepts are derived from the generalisations of previous percepts. What happens is that the educated observer is taught to accept a set of concepts and then sharpens or changes these concepts during a professional career. In any one field of scholarship, professional opinion at one time determines what concepts and procedures are acceptable, and these form a kind of model of scholarly behaviour.

**1. The problem raised in the passage reflects on**

- A) Thought process
- B) Human behaviour
- C) Cultural perceptions
- D) Professional opinion

2. According to the passage, human beings have mostly in mind
  - A) Observation of things
  - B) Preparations of mental images
  - C) Expression through languages
  - D) To gain knowledge
3. Concept means
  - A) A mental image
  - B) A reality
  - C) An idea expressed in language form
  - D) All the above
4. The relation of Percept to Concept is
  - A) Positive
  - B) Negative
  - C) Reflective
  - D) Absolute
5. In the above passage, the earth is taken as
  - A) The Globe
  - B) The Human Habitat
  - C) A Planet
  - D) A Celestial Body
6. Percept means
  - A) Direct observation through the senses
  - B) A conceived data
  - C) Ends of a spectrum
  - D) An abstract image

Choose the correct options to complete the given passage

Ravi, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ better slow down and wait for the rest of us. I'm sure we have lots of time, so we (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to run. We don't (9) \_\_\_\_\_ stop and buy tickets and there are still lots of people on the platform, so the train (10) \_\_\_\_\_ come yet.

	A	B	C	D
7	you'd	you'll	you're	you've
8	aren't need	don't need	needn't	needn't have
9	have to	have got to	must	must have to
10	can't	can't be	can't have	couldn't



Fill in the blanks with suitable words

11. In the face of the overwhelming mass of evidence against him, we cannot \_\_\_\_\_ him of the crime.  
A) punish  
B) absolve  
C) release  
D) ignore
12. Scarcely \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher entered the class when he heard the noise.  
A) Did  
B) Has  
C) Had  
D) will have
13. You must go to the station now, your brother \_\_\_\_\_ go just yet as his train leaves after three hours.  
A) shouldn't  
B) mustn't  
C) wouldn't  
D) needn't
14. Every rash driver becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ killer.  
A) Sure  
B) Reckless  
C) Potential  
D) Powerful
15. During a period of protracted illness, the sick can become infirm \_\_\_\_\_ both the strength to work and many of the specific skills that were once possessed.  
A) Regarding  
B) Denying  
C) pursuing  
D) losing

Choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word

16. Overbearing  
A) Unassuming  
B) Haughty  
C) Arrogant  
D) Despotie

**17. Boisterous**

- A) Rowdy
- B) Tumultuous
- C) Violent
- D) Serene

**18. Ample**

- A) Complete
- B) Insufficient
- C) Quiet
- D) Supple

**19. Phony**

- A) Hypocritical
- B) Genuine
- C) Gentle
- D) Determined

**20. Quiescent**

- A) Insufficient
- B) Weak
- C) Active
- D) Responsive

**Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions**

**21. He readily compiled \_\_\_\_\_ my request.**

- A) to
- B) with
- C) in
- D) on

**22. I prefer coffee \_\_\_\_\_ tea.**

- A) For
- B) with
- C) on
- D) to

**23. He is vain \_\_\_\_\_ his attachments.**

- A) For
- B) With
- C) Of
- D) To

24. The African elephant is now confined \_\_\_\_\_ Central Africa.

- A) In
- B) to
- C) from
- D) along

25. We should all aim \_\_\_\_\_ excellence.

- A) To
- B) For
- C) From
- D) At

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idioms/ phrases

26. To read between the lines

- A) Understand the hidden meaning
- B) To have good sight
- C) To learn quickly
- D) None of the above

27. To break the ice

- A) To reveal
- B) To break through reserve or strictness
- C) To increase the existing excitement
- D) To face the full fury of

28. In round numbers

- A) Spreading about
- B) Valid
- C) On all sides
- D) Approximately

29. To burn the candles at both ends

- A) To exchange opinions
- B) To make oneself prominent
- C) To spend extravagantly
- D) To be wounded in feelings

30. To fall flat

- A) To be vain
- B) To produce no effect
- C) To deceive
- D) About to perish

Choose the correct verbs for the blanks:

31. He \_\_\_\_ a prize for standing first in the quiz competition.

- A) won
- B) win
- C) has win
- D) has won

32. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ my instruction?

- A) carry out
- B) carried out
- C) carries out
- D) carried

33. By the time I am fifty, I \_\_\_\_ a million dollar.

- A) will make
- B) would make
- C) have made
- D) will have made

34. Hey, you \_\_\_\_\_ at the computer all day. You should really take a break.

- A) have been sitting
- B) were sitting
- C) did sit
- D) sat

35. What \_\_\_\_\_ to her about last night?

- A) have you spoken
- B) you spoke
- C) you speak
- D) did you speak

Fill in the blanks with correct tenses from the brackets

36. The farmers \_\_\_\_\_ their farms if they had known that a thunderstorm was approaching.

- A) will leave
- B) would leave
- C) will have left
- D) would have left

37. Work hard so that you \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A) shall get good marks
- B) get good marks
- C) may get good marks
- D) should get good marks

38. The newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ seven cases of gruesome crime in the city yesterday.

- A) reported
- B) has reported
- C) had reported
- D) have reported

39. Had I saved money, I \_\_\_\_\_ a new car.

- A) will purchase
- B) would have purchased
- C) would purchase
- D) purchased

40. Just in a family cooperation of its members that \_\_\_\_\_ happiness and contentment, so is it in the larger family of the nation.

- A) brought
- B) will bring
- C) brings
- D) bought

Choose the correct words from the brackets which best fits the simile.

41. As clean as a \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Towel
- B) Whistle
- C) water
- D) handkerchief

42. As dry as \_\_\_\_\_

- A) dust
- B) gold
- C) sand
- D) silver

43. As different as \_\_\_\_\_

- A) bread and butter
- B) tea and coffee
- C) chalk and cheese
- D) snack and sweet

44. As keen as \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Cumin
- B) Eagle
- C) Mustard
- D) Butter



45. As tall as \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Kangaroo
- B) Giraffe
- C) Zebra
- D) Elephant

Fill in the blanks with words denoting group or collection

46. A \_\_\_\_\_ of bells.

- A) Peal
- B) Number
- C) Ring
- D) Stack

47. A \_\_\_\_\_ of whales.

- A) Flock
- B) Fleet
- C) School
- D) Pod

48. A \_\_\_\_\_ of owls.

- A) Flock
- B) Parliament
- C) Swarm
- D) Ride

49. A \_\_\_\_\_ of crows.

- A) Colony
- B) Flock
- C) Brood
- D) Herd

50. A \_\_\_\_\_ of horses

- A) Group
- B) Team
- C) Pack
- D) Herd

## Section B General Knowledge

51. What is the state bird of Sikkim?

- A) Imperial Pigeon
- B) Blyth's Tragopan
- C) Blood Pheasant
- D) Flamingo

52. How many seats are there in Sikkim legislative Assembly?
- A) 42
  - B) 30
  - C) 32
  - D) 20
53. Who won the lone gold medal for India at the Makran Cup Boxing?
- A) Deepak Singh
  - B) Manish Kaushik
  - C) Sanjeet
  - D) P. Lalitha
54. Who won the 85th Ranji Trophy for the 2nd successive time?
- A) Maharashtra
  - B) Goa
  - C) Saurashtra
  - D) Vidarbha
55. World photography day is celebrated on?
- A) September 9th
  - B) July 5<sup>th</sup>
  - C) August 19th
  - D) December 14th
56. 'Azadi Ke Diwane' museum was inaugurated at:
- A) Victoria Memorial
  - B) Charminar
  - C) Red Fort
  - D) India Gate
57. Which village was adopted by IAS officer Raj Yadav in South Sikkim under the 'Sansad Gram Adarsh Yojna'?
- A) Sichey
  - B) Jorethang
  - C) Rabong
  - D) Rongbul

58. Who started the project 'Hariyo Makha— Sikkim Against Pollution' ?
- A) Sher Bahadur Subedi
  - B) Lomas Dhungel
  - C) Ram Bahadur Subba
  - D) Arjun Kumar Ghatani
59. Haemoglobin in humans has the highest affinity for which of the following gases?
- A) Methane
  - B) Carbon dioxide
  - C) Nitrous Oxide
  - D) Carbon Monoxide
60. Which of the following was most probably the first metal to be used in India?
- A) Iron
  - B) Copper
  - C) Gold
  - D) Silver
61. Founder of Ice Stupas in Leh is:
- A) Tenzing Pasang
  - B) Sonam Wangchuk
  - C) Dorjee Tsering
  - D) Ugen Gyatso
62. Which Indian politician and former Chief Minister of Goa died recently?
- A) Manohar Parrikar
  - B) Pramod Sawant
  - C) Shashikala Kakodkar
  - D) Dayanand Bhandodkar
63. Singshore Bridge in Sikkim is famous for:
- A) River Rafting
  - B) Biking
  - C) Bungee Jumping
  - D) Paragliding

64. For which film Ishan Khattar got the Best Debut Actor(Male) at the Filmfare Awards 2019?
- A) Beyond the clouds
  - B) Badhai ho
  - C) Shameless
  - D) Plus Minus
65. Also referred to as Dalda 13, she is India's first female photojournalist, Google honoured her on the 104th anniversary of her birth with a doodle, "First Lady of the Lens", who is she?
- A) Saadiya Kochar
  - B) Sooni Taraporevala
  - C) Dayanita Singh
  - D) Homai Vyarawalla
66. In 1972, he was awarded Padmashree award by the Indian government to honor his photography work. He currently lives in Delhi and works as a correspondent for Magnum photos.
- A) Raghu Rai
  - B) Prabuddha Dasgupta
  - C) Gautam Rajadhyaksha
  - D) Sudhir Shivaram
67. Who took the photo of the first man on the moon?
- A) Edwin E. Aldrin Jr
  - B) Neil Armstrong
  - C) Yuri Gagarin
  - D) Kalpana Chawla
68. Who invented the first digital camera?
- A) Steven Sasson
  - B) Ray Tomlinson
  - C) Steve Jobs
  - D) George Eastman
69. Sikkim became the 22<sup>nd</sup> State of India during the reign of which Chogyal?
- A) Gyurmed Namgyal
  - B) Sidkeong Tulku
  - C) Palden Thondup Namgyal
  - D) Sir Tashi Namgyal



**70. Who is the author of the book "Two States"?**

- A) Chetan Bhagat
- B) Anita Desai
- C) J.K Rowling
- D) Khushwant Singh

**71. Who is acclaimed as "The Iron Man" for his contribution to the consolidation of free India**

- A) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
- B) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee
- C) Sardar Vallabhai Patel
- D) C. Rajagopalachari

**72. India's highest award which is given to a civilian**

- A) Bharat Ratna
- B) Param Vir Chakra
- C) Padmashree
- D) Padma Vibhusan

**73. Global warming is a consequence of**

- A) Acid rain
- B) Greenhouse effect
- C) Radioactive fallout
- D) Evaporation

**74. By which amendment Sikkim became a full state of India**

- A) 30<sup>th</sup> Amendment
- B) 32<sup>nd</sup> Amendment
- C) 35<sup>th</sup> Amendment
- D) 36<sup>th</sup> Amendment

**75. Swacchha Bharat Abhiyan was launched on**

- A) 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015
- B) 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014
- C) 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014
- D) 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014