

Sikkim Public Service Commission

Main Written Examination for the post of

Sub Inspector Excise (Abk)

Paper I : English & GK

Time Allowed : 2 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 100

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SECTION A: ENGLISH

(30x1=30)

Read the passage and answer the questions below by choosing the correct answer

At the end of every concert she was mobbed by autograph hunters. They would hem in and not allow her to leave the dais. At that moment Mohan, slowly progressing towards the exit, would turn around and call her across the hall, "Selvi, hurry up. You want to miss the train?" "Still a lot of time," she could have said, but she was not in the habit of contradicting him; for Mohan this was a golden chance not to be missed, to order her in public and demonstrate his authority. He would then turn to a group of admirers, waiting to escort him and Selvi, particularly Selvi, to the car, and remark in apparent jest, "Left to herself, she'll sit there and fill all the autograph books in the world till doomsday, she has no sense of time." The public viewed her as a rare, ethereal entity; but he alone knew her private face. "Not bad looking," he commented within himself when he first saw her, "but needs touching". Her eyebrows, which flourished wildly, were trimmed and arched. For her complexion by no means fair, but just on the border line, he discovered the correct skin-cream and talcum which imparted to her brow and cheeks a shade confounding classification. Mohan did not want anyone to suspect that he encouraged the use of cosmetics. He had been a follower of Mahatma Gandhi and spent several years in prison, wore only cloth spun by hand, shunned all luxury; there could be no question of his seeking modern, artificial aids to enhance the personality of his wife.

- 1) Selvi was
 - A) a celebrity
 - B) an actress
 - C) a singer
 - D) a dancer

- 2) Her husband called out to her after the show because
 - A) she was always late signing autographs
 - B) they would miss the train
 - C) he wanted to exert his dominance
 - D) there were too many autograph hunters

- 3) Mohan did not want others to know of the cosmetics since
- A) he was a follower of Mahatma
 - B) he had stayed in prison
 - C) Selvi required touching up
 - D) using cosmetics disproved his image
- 4) Her 'private face' face refers to
- A) Selvi's eyebrows and complexion
 - B) Selvi without make-up
 - C) Selvi with make-up
 - D) Selvi's inner beauty
- 5) '...she was not in the habit of contradicting him'. Here 'contradicting' means
- A) disagree
 - B) fight
 - C) argue
 - D) reply
- 6) The public viewed her...' Here viewed is a/an
- A) Noun
 - B) Verb
 - C) Adjective
 - D) Adverb
- 7) Which word means the same as 'ethereal'?
- A) delicate
 - B) angelic
 - C) imaginary
 - D) fair
- 8) Which of the following is NOT true of the couple
- A) Mohan was a considerate husband.
 - B) Selvi's behaviour was controlled.
 - C) Her fans considered her beautiful.
 - D) It was the same scene each time.

9) The strong smell of garlic seemed to _____ the whole room.

- A) pierce
- B) penetrate
- C) inhabit
- D) pervade

10) Her only income being a small salary, she lived a very _____ life

- A) mean
- B) frugal
- C) sparing
- D) extravagant

Choose the correct word/phrase that best completes the sentence.

11) I'm finally here. I hope you _____ very long.

- A) Weren't
- B) haven't been waiting
- C) wouldn't wait
- D) aren't waiting

12) It's getting _____ to find a good job these days.

- A) hard and harder
- B) harder and harder
- C) more and more harder
- D) more hard

13) "Thank you for helping me!"

"You're welcome. I appreciate _____ to help!"

- A) been asked asking
- B) having asked
- C) being asked
- D) asking

14) I _____ the problem.

- A) clearly understood
- B) understood clearly
- C) clear understood
- D) understood clear

15) "Are you done with the model yet?"

"No, it's far _____ being complete.

- A) away
- B) as
- C) of
- D) from

16) Miss Ina's students were _____ noisy that she couldn't continue her lesson.

- A) so
- B) very
- C) too
- D) much

17) There used to be a lot of birds here, but in _____, there have been very few.

- A) the past few years
- B) past few years
- C) the few years
- D) past few

18) Deepika usually comes to college on time. Today, _____, she was late.

- A) moreover
- B) even though
- C) although
- D) however

- 19) Did you really understand all _____ the teacher said?
A) which
B) what
C) that
D) when
- 20) "He won't be late, _____ he?"
A) isn't
B) don't
C) won't
D) will
- 21) I have to have this assignment finished _____
A) by Friday
B) until Friday
C) Friday before
D) Friday beginning
- 22) We have been waiting for you _____
A) an hour ago
B) since an hour
C) for an hour
D) an hour
- 23) If I _____ about your problems, I would have helped you.
A) know
B) knew
C) had known
D) was knowing
- 24) Australia _____ country in the Southern Hemisphere has produced some world class sports persons.
A) The
B) A
C) An
D) None of the above.

25) Would you slow down a bit, please? I can't _____ with you.

- A) Put up with.
- B) Keep up with
- C) Make up to
- D) Hold on to

26) We saw _____ wild animals during the jungle Safari.

- A) quite a few
- B) quite a much
- C) quite many
- D) quite some

27) No one wants to have extra work tonight, _____?

- A) don't he
- B) don't they
- C) do they
- D) does he

28) 18. How long does the bus _____ from Siliguri to Kolkota take ?

- A) Voyage
- B) Journey
- C) Travel
- D) Tour

29) It is already 3 o'clock. Can you _____ time to catch the bus?

- A) have enough
- B) have it in
- C) have in
- D) make it in

30) I went to have my glasses _____

- A) fit
- B) fitted
- C) fit on
- D) fitted on

Section B: General Knowledge

(25x2=50)

- 31) Who is the first woman CFO of World bank?
- A) Chandra Kochhai
 - B) Arundhati Bhattacharya
 - C) Anshula kant
 - D) Nainalal Kidwai
- 32) Gypsum is added to cement so that:
- A) Setting of cement can be fastened
 - B) Setting of cement can be slowed
 - C) Cement strength can be increased
 - D) Bind the particles of calcium silicate
- 33) England won the Cricket World Cup 2019 even after Super Over tie because of more:
- A) Catches
 - B) Sixes
 - C) Boundaries
 - D) Running between the wickets
- 34) Who was named the 'Player of the Tournament' in the Cricket World Cup 2019?
- A) Kane Williamson
 - B) Rohit Sharma
 - C) Shakib Al Hasan
 - D) Eoin Morgan
- 35) World Trade Organisation came into existence in:
- A) 1992
 - B) 1993
 - C) 1997
 - D) 1995

- 36) Which company has announced a partnership with IIT Kharagpur to undertake industry focussed applied research in the areas of 5G and Artificial Intelligence (AI) ?
- A) Wipro
 - B) Reliance
 - C) Godrej
 - D) TATA
- 37) Which airport has been crowned the Best Airport for 7th time in a row?
- A) Incheon airport South Korea
 - B) Tokyo International Airport
 - C) Indira Gandhi International Airport
 - D) Changi Airport Singapore
- 38) Which project was launched by Sikkim government to balance conservation and sustainability: Focussing on livelihoods of upper Teesta landscape and to reduce wildlife crime?
- A) Secure Himalaya Project
 - B) Conservation of Wildlife
 - C) Biodiversity and conservation of Forest
 - D) Save Trees, Save lives
- 39) The researches of which university have developed a low cost filter to remove arsenic from water?
- A) IIT Bombay
 - B) IIT Kharagpur
 - C) Tezpur University
 - D) North. Bengal University
- 40) Who won a bronze medal in the 3rd Youth Men's National Boxing Championship 2019 in the light weight category?
- A) Sanat Kumar Thakur
 - B) Mukesh Kumar
 - C) Krishna Kailash Rai
 - D) Virendra

- 41) Which Act was amended by Goa government to allow women to work in night shifts?
- A) Factory Act 1961
 - B) Factory Act 1972
 - C) Factory Act 1950
 - D) Factory act 1948
- 42) How many more air routes under UDAN have been announced by the Civil Aviation Ministry?
- A) 7
 - B) 6
 - C) 8
 - D) 5
- 43) At the 2019 Miss India Contest, Miss Sang Doma from Sikkim was awarded with:
- A) Miss Congeniality
 - B) Miss Beautiful Hair
 - C) Miss Glowing Skin
 - D) Miss Active
- 44) For which album Kacy Musgraves won the 'Album of the Year' award at 2019 Grammy Awards?
- A) Golden Hour
 - B) A star is Born
 - C) This is America
 - D) Invasion of Privacy
- 45) From 1411 in 2008 the number of tigers in India has increased to _____ in 2018
- A) 1706
 - B) 2010
 - C) 2226
 - D) 2967

- 46) What is the name of world's first greenhouse gas monitoring satellite?
- A) ICESat
 - B) Jason-1
 - C) Ibuki
 - D) NPOESS
- 47) Which among the following multilateral convention seeks to protect the human health and environment from Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) ?
- A) Bonn convention
 - B) Stockholm convention
 - C) Rotterdam convention
 - D) Basel convention
- 48) Which of the following schedule of Constitution of India has to be amended to provide for the formation of a new state?
- A) First Schedule
 - B) Second Schedule
 - C) Third Schedule
 - D) Ninth Schedule
- 49) India has highest share of global TB burden, contributing to _____ of total global burden.
- A) 27%
 - B) 72%
 - C) 24%
 - D) 43%
- 50) What is Women Scientist scheme?
- A) It aims to provide Women Scientists for pursuing research in engineering only
 - B) It aims to provide Women Scientists for pursuing research in applied sciences only
 - C) Both A & B
 - D) None of the above

- 51) "Bharatiya Mahila Bank Limited", a bank to promote gender equality and economic empowerment of women was launched on _____
- A) 22nd August 2013
 - B) 25th September 2014
 - C) 19th November 2013
 - D) 1st May 2014
- 52) When was Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana launched?
- A) 1st May 2016
 - B) 2nd October 2016
 - C) 14th November 1990
 - D) 25th December 2016
- 53) What is food spoilage?
- A) Where food is canned, salted, pickled etc for later use
 - B) When food rots to the point in which it is edible to humans or its quality of edibility is increased
 - C) When food rots to the point in which it is ^{not} edible to humans or its quality of edibility becomes reduced
 - D) When food is fermented and kept for later use
- 54) Chandrayaan-2 Developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the mission was launched from the second launch pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre on _____
- A) 12 July 2019
 - B) 15 July 2019
 - C) 22 July 2019
 - D) 29 July 2019
- 55) Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm Fani/Phani was the strongest tropical cyclone to strike the Indian state of _____ in 2019
- A) Kerala
 - B) Tamil Nadu
 - C) Odisha
 - D) Maharashtra

Section C : Essay & Letter Writing

Essay

(1x10=10)

- 56) Is Organic farming boon or bane? Write in the context of Sikkim State.
(Word limit 200)

Or

Loss and gain of Jammu and Kashmir by the removal of Article 370 from the Indian Constitution. (Word limit 200)

Letter Writing

(1x10=10)

- 57) You are a concerned citizen. While travelling from Ranipool to Gangtok you have observed that the cars do not make way for the Ambulance in spite of the continuous siren. This shows pathetic traffic scene in an around Gangtok town. Some patients suffer seriously due to this problem; they are unable to reach the hospital in time. Write a letter to the Health Mnister, Govt. of Sikkim, highlighting the problems and offering some solutions. (Word limit 200)

OR

In modern times, people prefer to move over to the towns and cities. So, urbanization is spreading rapidly. However, the quality of urban life has deteriorated to a great extent. Be it social, moral, security and safety, uncertainty etc. Write a letter to your friend who is living in a rural area highlighting the problems and drawbacks of city life. (word limit 200)

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