

**Sikkim Public Service Commission**  
**Main Written Examination for the post of Sub Inspector**  
**PAPER - I (ENGLISH & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE)**

Time allowed: 3Hrs

Maximum Marks: 200

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## **PART - I**

**Read the passage and choose the correct answers for the given questions:  
(2x5=10)**

Today I Rabindranath Tagore complete eighty years of my life. As I look back on the years that lie behind me and see in clear perspective the history of my early development, I am struck by the change that has taken place both in my own attitude and in the psychology of my countrymen —a change that carries within it a cause of profound tragedy.

Our direct contact with the larger world of men was linked up with the contemporary history of the English people whom we came to know in those earlier days. It was mainly through their mighty literature that we formed our ideas with regard to these newcomers to our Indian shores. In those days the type of learning that was served out to us was neither plentiful nor diverse, nor was the spirit of scientific enquiry very much in evidence. Thus their scope being strictly limited, the educated of those days had resource to English language and literature. Their days and nights were eloquent with the stately declamations of Burke, with Macaulay's long -rolling sentence; discussions centred upon Shakespeare's drama and Byron's poetry and above all upon nineteenth century English politics.

At the time though tentative attempts were being made to gain our national independence, at heart we had not lost faith in the generosity of the English race. This belief was so firmly rooted in the sentiments of our leaders as to lead them to hope that the victor would of his own grace pave the path of freedom for the vanquished. This belief was based upon the fact that England at the time provided a shelter to all those who had to flee from persecution in their own country. Political martyrs who had suffered for the honour of their people were accorded unreserved welcome at the hands of the English.

I was impressed by the evidence of Liberal humanity in the character of the English and thus I was led to set them on the pedestal of my highest respect. This generosity in their national character had not yet been vitiated by imperialist pride. About this time, as a boy in England, I had the opportunity of listening to the speeches of John Bright, both in and outside parliament. The large hearted, radical liberalism of those speeches, overflowing all narrow national bounds, had made so deep an impression on my mind that something of it lingers even today, even in these days of graceless disillusionment.

**1. From the first paragraph, give a synonym of 'deep':**

- A. Perspective
- B. Profound
- C. Tragedy
- D. Psychology

**2. What helped the Indians to conceive of a notion of the Englishmen?**

- A. The advanced weaponry
- B. Their literature
- C. Their orders
- D. Their administration

**3. Who could read and gain from English literature?**

- A. The educated Indians
- B. All the Indians
- C. Only writers such as Rabindranath Tagore
- D. None of the above



4. From the third paragraph, give an antonym of 'victorious'

- A. Victor
- B. Vanquished
- C. Belief
- D. Persecution

5. Whose speeches did Tagore listen to, as a boy?

- A. Shakespeare
- B. Byron
- C. John Bright
- D. Macaulay

**Read the passage and choose the correct answers for the given questions: (2x5=10)**

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Nobel prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

6. Marie had a bright mind and a \_\_\_\_\_ personality.

- A. Strong
- B. Light-hearted
- C. Humorous
- D. Strange

7. When she learned that she could not attend the university in Warsaw, she felt

- A. Hopeless
- B. Annoyed
- C. Depressed
- D. Worried

8. Marie \_\_\_\_\_ by leaving Poland and travelling to France to enter Sorbonne.

- A. Challenged authority
- B. Showed intelligence
- C. Behaved
- D. Was distressed

9. \_\_\_\_\_ she remembered their joy together.

- A. Dejectedly
- B. Worried
- C. Tearfully
- D. Happily

10. Her \_\_\_\_\_ began to fade when she returned to the Sorbonne to succeed her husband.

- A. Misfortune
- B. Anger
- C. Wretchedness
- D. Disappointment

Choose the correct synonyms for the following:

(5x2=10)

11. Nebulous

- A. Tiny
- B. Significant
- C. Vague
- D. Inadequate

12. Lethal

- A. Deadly
- B. Sluggish
- C. Smooth
- D. Unlawful

13. Prolific

- A. Plenty
- B. Fertile
- C. Competent
- D. Predominant

14. Affable

- A. Friendly
- B. Helpful
- C. Cheerful
- D. Neutral

15. Ostentatious

- A. Pretty
- B. Modest
- C. Fragrant
- D. Showy

Choose the correct meaning for the following phrases:

(5x2=10)

16. To throw up the sponge

- A. To offer a challenge
- B. To become utterly disappointed
- C. To maintain grit and enthusiasm until the end
- D. To surrender or give up a contest

17. A chip of the old block

- A. A piece of wood
- B. An old friend
- C. Characteristics of one's ancestors
- D. A good bargain

18. A pipe dream

- A. A pleased dream
- B. A bad dream
- C. A foolish idea
- D. An impracticable plan

19. To talk through one's hat

- A. To speak fluently
- B. To talk nonsense
- C. To talk wisdom
- D. To speak at random

20. A fair crack of the whip

- A. Severe punishment
- B. A good check
- C. An equal chance to do something
- D. Failure of administration

Choose the correct word to complete the sentences:

(5x2=10)

21. In \_\_\_\_\_ of the recommendations the board has established a counter to entertain the complaints from consumers.

- A. Adherence
- B. Pursuance
- C. Relation
- D. According

22. The presence of teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the chit chat of the girls in the restaurant.

- A. limited
- B. Interrupted
- C. Inhibited
- D. Obstructed



23. Stone Age research was always on a low \_\_\_\_\_ in India.

- A. Key
- B. Profile
- C. Ebb
- D. Scale

24. Undoubtedly, English is the most \_\_\_\_\_ spoken language in the world today.

- A. Broadly
- B. Greatly
- C. Widely
- D. Beautifully

25. He is so \_\_\_\_\_ of his own idea that he will not entertain any suggestions from others.

- A. Hopeful
- B. Enamoured
- C. Possessed
- D. Enchanted

Choose one word for the following:

(5x2=10)

26. The mistake of placing something in the wrong period of time.

- A. Mistake
- B. Anachronism
- C. Misplacement
- D. Prolepsis

27. That which is contrary to law

- A. Legal
- B. Legacy
- C. Illegal
- D. Imminent

28. That which cannot be attacked or taken by force:

- A. Pregnable
- B. Autoplay
- C. Anarchy
- D. Impregnable

29. A trite, stereotyped expression

- A. Cliche
- B. Proverb
- C. Idiom
- D. Buzzword

30. A person who has changed his faith

- A. Atheist
- B. Anarchist
- C. Apostate
- D. Ascetic

Choose the correct phrasal words for the following blanks:

(5x2=10)

31. I think he will not be able to \_\_\_\_\_ this difficult schedule.

- A. Get along with
- B. Look forward to
- C. Keep up with
- D. Break through

32. This encouraging explanation has given her the will to \_\_\_\_\_ with her duties with great deal of enthusiasm.

- A. Call in
- B. Catch up with
- C. Call down
- D. Carry on

33. You have to \_\_\_\_\_ the things which you learn many times during a day in order not to forget them.

- A. Put aside
- B. Do over
- C. Get along with
- D. Try on

34. Because of his being the son of a minister, he \_\_\_\_\_ very lightly.

- A. Got off
- B. Got on
- C. Got over
- D. Got through

35. The snow \_\_\_\_\_ on the roof.

- A. Blew over
- B. Bore down
- C. Bore up
- D. Broke down

## PART – II GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Choose the correct answers for the following questions:

(2X50=100)

36. 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

37. Who was the first Indian to win an Oscar award?

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

38. Which of the following was the first planet in the solar system to be visited by a spacecraft?

- A. Mercury
- B. Venus
- C. Mars
- D. Jupiter

39. Which organisation has agreed to recognize Durga Puja in West Bengal as World Cultural heritage?

- A. UNO
- B. UNICEF
- C. WHO
- D. UNESCO

40. Phurba Sherpa, PhurKandu Sherpa and Srijana Chettri of Sikkim are associated with which sport?

- A. Badminton
- B. Football
- C. Kick boxing
- D. Judo

41. Kushinara or Kushinagar where Lord Buddha attained parinirvana was located in which of the following provinces of ancient India?

- A. Anga
- B. Magadha
- C. Malla
- D. Vatsa

42. Which among the following is the basic territorial unit of administration in India?

- A. District
- B. Tehsil
- C. Revenue division
- D. Village

43. Who is the President of SAKO (Sikkim Association of Kickboxing Organisation)?

- A. Bidhan Subba
- B. Bhim Bahadur Subba
- C. Bhaichung Bhutia
- D. Sunil Chettri



44. What was the theme for the completion of centenary celebration of National Institute for Nutrition?

- A. Better Health, Better Future
- B. Eat Healthy, Live Healthy
- C. Happy and Healthy Future
- D. Empowering the Nation through Nutrition

45. Which scheme was launched by the Health and family Welfare Ministry on the World food Day?

- A. Eat Right India Movement
- B. Food safety Mitra Scheme
- C. Wellness Scheme India
- D. Health is Wealth Scheme

46. Government has launched Sewa Service trains to connect small towns with major cities. How many Sewa trains have been launched in 2019?

- A. 11
- B. 6
- C. 10
- D. 5

47. Who is the author of the book 'Dark fears, Eerie cities: New Hindi Cinema in Neo-Liberal India'?

- A. Chitra Banerjee
- B. Chetan Bhagat
- C. Ashwin Sanghi
- D. Sarunas Paunksnis

48. Which Indian armed force has launched OASIS (officers automated and structured information system) software?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Air force
- C. Indian Navy
- D. Indian Coastal Guard

49. Which bank has recently launched contactless mobile phone payments facility?

- A. SBI
- B. ICICI
- C. HDFC
- D. BOB

**50. Who is the first IPS officer to be awarded with Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award?**

- A. Udit Thapa
- B. Aparna Kumar
- C. Vinay Menon
- D. Bachendri Pal

**51. Which organisation will work along with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the digital training of young tribal women of India?**

- A. Google
- B. Face book
- C. Reliance
- D. Infosys

**52. What is the name of the India-UK collaborated hand washing robot which encourages children to wash their hands?**

- A. Robo
- B. R2D2
- C. Pepe
- D. Data

**53. Who won the European Golden Shoe for the 2018-19 football seasons?**

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Kylian Mbappe
- C. Cristiano Ronaldo
- D. Luca Modric

**54. Which of the following is not in the Preamble of the constitution of India?**

- A. Equality
- B. Liberty
- C. Dignity
- D. Justice

**55. Lessor and Lessee is a relationship between bank and its customer in which of the following?**

- A. Cash deposits
- B. Loans
- C. Securities
- D. Safe deposit locker



**56. The terms Udara, Mudara and Tara are related to which among the following as per the Ancient Indian texts?**

- A. Medicines
- B. Gods
- C. Music
- D. Military Science

**57. In which of the following states in India 836 temples of a particular religion is located on one mountain top?**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Bihar

**58. In which year National Commission for minorities was established?**

- A. 1989
- B. 1990
- C. 1991
- D. 1992

**59. Which among the following is used as an antidote?**

- A. Paracetamol
- B. Activated Charcoal
- C. Thiamine
- D. Nicotine

**60. Which state topped the India Innovation Index 2019 as released by NitiAyog?**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Telangana
- D. Tamilnadu

**61. Which country is hosting the 7th Military World games 2019?**

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. China
- D. Egypt

**62. Who became the 65th Grand Master at the age of 13?**

- A. RaunakSadhvani
- B. D Gukesh
- C. Sandeepan Chanda
- D. Debashis Das

**63. Who got 'Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Life Time Achievement Award 2018'?**

- A. Rameshwar Jhangra
- B. Wangchuk Sherpa
- C. Prabhat Raju
- D. Late Dipankar Ghosh

**64. YoshuaBengio, Geoffrey Hinton and Yann LeCun were awarded the Turing Award 2018 on March 27th 2019. On which field were they given this award?**

- A. AI (Artificial Intelligence)
- B. Microchip
- C. Space Research
- D. Cancer Research

**65. What is the slogan for the Pradhan Mantri Dhan Jan Yojna?**

- A. SabkaSathSabka Vikas
- B. BetiBachaoBetiPadhao
- C. Kalkifikrnahi
- D. MeraKhata Bhagya Vidhata

**66. Who is the 39th President of BCCI (Board of Cricket Control of India)?**

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. Ravi Shastri
- C. Sourav Ganguly
- D. CK Khanna

**67. 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



**68. Deepika Padukone and PV Sindhu have been named ambassadors for which scheme?**

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

**69. Col. ChewangRinchenSetu is built across which river?**

- A. Indus
- B. Beas
- C. Shyok
- D. Ganga

**70. The doctrine of Vyuhavada is associated with which among the following sects or cults of India?**

- A. Shaivism
- B. Vaishnavism
- C. Buddhism
- D. Jainism

**71. Which among the following is an electronic intelligence Satellite launched by ISRO?**

- A. Explorer
- B. Oshumi
- C. Asterix
- D. Emisat

**72. Which is the oldest monastery in Sikkim?**

- A. Pemayangtse Monastery
- B. Lachen Monastery
- C. Rinchenpong Monastery
- D. Dubdi Monastery

**73. What is the name of the Ad campaign launched by United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)?**

- A. Feed Our Future
- B. Addressing Hunger
- C. Share Food; Don't Waste
- D. Awareness on Hunger

**74. NAM Summit 2019 is to be held in:**

- A. Kathmandu
- B. Baku
- C. Thimphu
- D. New Delhi

**75. Jessica Meir and Christina Koch made history for the first ever:**

- A. Highest bungee jumping
- B. All women spacewalk
- C. Deepest scuba diving
- D. Longest mountain boarding

**76. Under which name India's largest National Health Protection Scheme has been implemented?**

- A. Adarsh Bharat
- B. Samman Bharat
- C. Ayushman Bharat
- D. Nirman Bharat

**77. What was the theme of the 2019 edition of World Osteoporosis Day (WOD)?**

- A. Strong Women Make Stronger Nations
- B. Stop at One: Make your First Break Your Last
- C. Love Your Bones and Protect Your Future
- D. Real Men Build their Strength from Within

**78. Silpaddikaram and Manimekalai are the immortal epic works belonging to which of the following period?**

- A. Pre-Mauryan Age
- B. Sangam Age
- C. Gupta Age
- D. Early Modern Age

**79. N Chandrasekaran who authored the book 'Bridgital Nation', is the chairman of which company?**

- A. Infosys
- B. Tata sons
- C. Wipro
- D. Birla



**80. Which Indian sportsperson won Vogue's Sportsperson of the Year 2019?**

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

**81. Which of the following are the works of Kalidasa?**

- i) Ritusamhara
- ii) Meghduta
- iii) Dasakumarcharita
- iv) Kumarashambhava

- A. Only (i) and (ii)
- B. Only (ii), (iii) and (iv)
- C. Only (i), (ii) and (iv)
- D. All of the above

**82. The lacustrine deposits of Kashmir called 'Karewas' are known for:**

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

**83. How many members can be nominated to the Lok Sabha by the President?**

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 12

**84. The Ganges dolphins were discovered in:**

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

**85. Who won the 100th Noble Peace Prize 2019?**

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

**PART – III WRITING SECTION**

**I. Write an essay on any one of the following topics:(1x20=20)**

A) Save Water, Save Life: Save the Earth

**OR**

B) Consequences of Deforestation on the Environment

**2. Letter Writing**

**(1x10=10)**

Write a letter to your friend who is in Delhi and tell him about the upcoming new railway project between Sevoke and Rangpo and how travelling to Sikkim will become more comfortable and easier in the coming years.

**OR**

Write a letter to your friend describing how adventure sports are becoming popular in Sikkim and helping in attracting tourists.

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