

Sikkim Public Service Commission

Main Written Examination for the Post of Staff Nurse

Paper I

General English & General Knowledge

Time Allowed : 2 hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Read the following instructions carefully before answering the questions :-

1. **IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE EXAMINATION, YOU SHOULD CHECK THAT THIS TEST BOOKLET DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNPRINTED OR TORN OR MISSING PAGES OR ITEMS ETC. IF SO, GET IT REPLACED BY A COMPLETE TEST BOOKLET.**
2. Use only Black Ball Point Pen to fill the OMR sheet.
3. Do not write anything else on the OMR Answer Sheet except the required information.
4. This Test Booklet contains two sections, Section A (General English & G. K.) of MCQ mode and Section B of Conventional mode.
5. Section A consists of 60 MCQ (Multiple Choice Questions) of 1 mark each. Candidates are required to attempt all of them on the OMR sheet provided.
6. Candidates are required to attempt Question No. 61 and Question No. 62 in a separate Answer Book provided, clearly marking the answer book as SECTION-B.
7. **Marking Scheme**
THERE WILL BE NEGATIVE MARKING FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTION PAPERS.
 - (i) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one-third of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
 - (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to the question.
 - (iii) If a question is left blank. i.e., No answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

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- I. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answers from the following. (1×5=5)

A man is known by the book he reads as well as by the company he keeps; for there is a companionship of books as well as of men and one should always live in the best company, whether it be of books or men.

A good book may be among the best of friends. It is the same today that it always was, and it will never change. It is the most patient and cheerful of companions. It does not turn its back upon in times of adversity and distress. It always receives us with the same kindness; amusing and interesting us in youth, comforting and consoling us in age.

1. Which of the following would be the most appropriate title for the given passage?
 - a) Books show the reader's character
 - b) Books as man's abiding friends
 - c) Books are useful in the youth
 - d) The importance of books in old age
2. Which of the following is the opposite in meaning to the word 'adversity' occurring in the passage?
 - a) Happiness
 - b) Prosperity
 - c) Progress
 - d) Misfortune
3. The statement, "A good book may be among best of friends," in the passage means
 - a) there cannot be a better friend than a good book
 - b) books may be good friends, but not better than good men
 - c) a good book can be included among the best of friends of mankind
 - d) our best friends read the same good books

4. According to the passage, which of the following statement is not true?
- a) good books as well as good men always provide the finest company
 - b) a good book never betrays us
 - c) we have sometimes to be patient with a book it may bore us
 - d) a good book serves as a permanent friend
5. According to the passage, a man may usually be known by the books he reads because
- a) His reading habits shows that he is a scholar
 - b) The books he reads affect his thinking
 - c) Books provide him a lot of knowledge
 - d) His selection of books generally reveals his temperament and character

II. Choose the correct verbs from the brackets (1X5=5)

6. Did you think you _____ me somewhere before?
- a. have seen
 - b. had seen
 - c. were seeing
 - d. has seen
7. When we went to the cinema, the film _____.
- a. already started
 - b. had already started
 - c. would already start
 - d. will have started
8. I _____ him for a long time.
- a. have known
 - b. Know
 - c. am knowing
 - d. have been knowing
9. He _____ out five months ago.
- a. has gone
 - b. had gone
 - c. Went
 - d. have gone
10. I meant to repair the radio, but _____ time to do it today.
- a. am not having
 - b. haven't had
 - c. hadn't
 - d. hadn't have

III. Choose the correct Synonyms and Antonyms of the following (1x5=5)

11. Enchanted

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| a) Fascinated | b) Dutiable |
| c) Unacceptable | d) atisfactory |

12. Unstable

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| a) Inexperienced | b) Unpracticed |
| c) Rickety | d) Unreliable |

13. Obligatory

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| a) External | b) Compulsory |
| c) Peaceful | d) Indirect |

14. Be little-

- | | |
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| a) Expand | b) Prohibit |
| c) Expel | d) Applaud |

15. Morbid-

- | | |
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| a) Healthy | b) Liberal |
| c) Progressive | d) Stale |

IV. Some proverbs/ idioms are given below together with their meanings. Choose the correct meaning of the proverb/idioms from the options given. (1X5=5)

16. To make clean breast of -

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| a) To gain prominence | b) To praise oneself |
| c) To confess without reserve | d) To destroy before it blooms |

17. To keep one's temper -

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| a) To become angry | b) To be in good mood |
| c) To preserve one's energy | d) To be aloof from |

18. To drive home -

- | | |
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| a) To find one's routes | b) To return home |
| c) Back to original position | d) To emphasis |

19. At one's wit's end -

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| a) Perplexed | b) Clear up |
| c) Explain | d) Enlighten |

20. At one's fingertips -

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| a) To take revenge | b) Matter of same |
| c) Complete knowledge | d) Very fast |

V. Tick the most correct meaning of the underlined phrases given below from the options given. (1X5=5)

21. His behavior compelled me to give him a peace of my mind.

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| a) Scold him. | b) Correct him |
| c) Punish him. | d) Get angry with him |

22. The manager hesitated to assign the job to the new comer as her was wet behind the ears.

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| a) Stupid and slow-witted. | b) young and inexperienced. |
| c) Unpunctual.. | d) Lethargic. |

23. If you want to solve the problem forever you must take the bull by horns.

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| a) Face a difficulty or danger confidently. |
| b) Run away from a difficulty or danger. |
| c) Face a difficulty or danger boldly. |
| d) Pull the bull's horns. |

24. I told the students to buckle down this semester.

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| a) Work seriously. | b) Take it easy. |
| c) Drop a subject. | d) Drop a year. |

25. To beat the air.

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| a) To act intelligently. | b) To make great effort. |
| c) To make every possible effort | d) To make efforts that are useless and/or vain |

VI. For each question below, Tick the most correct answer from the four options given. (1X5=5)

26. The boat sank when it hit a _____ that was hidden under the water.
Everyone had to swim to the beach.
- a) Rock. b) Cliff.
c) Coast. d) Wave.
27. When he asks me the question, just _____ the answers quietly in my ear and
he will never know.
- a) Murmur. b) Mutter
c) Whisper. d) Speak.
28. If you want to pass that exam. I _____ you to start studying for it immediately.
- a) Advice. b) Convince.
c) Advise. d) Instruct.
29. When you finish making the dough for the bread, put it in the oven and _____
for about 90 minutes.
- a) Roast. b) Heat.
c) Bake. d) Grill.
30. Rita is a very _____ girl. She knows where she wants to be in five years' time
and how she is going to get there.
- a) Arrogant. b) Ambitious.
c) Laborious. d) Conscious.

General Knowledge.

Total Marks 30 (1x30)

31. As for the census of India 2011 the literacy rate of Sikkim is :
- a) 86.54 %
 - b) 66.6 %
 - c) 77.32 %
 - d) 82.20 %
32. The most potent green house gas among the following is
- a) Methane
 - b) Carbon di oxide

- c) Water vapour
 - d) Ozone
33. Which of the Tiger Reserves are correctly matched ?
- 1) Satkosia - Orissa
 - 2) Dandeli Anashi - Rajasthan
 - 3) Udanti Sitanadi - Chhattisgarh
 - 4) Sariska - Karnataka
- a) 1 only
 - b) 1 & 3
 - c) only 2
 - d) 2 & 4
34. Who has become the first ever Indian woman table tennis player to win gold at the commonwealth games ?
- a) Manika Batra
 - b) Mouma Das
 - c) Seresthi Das
 - d) Madhurika Patkar
35. When is World Health Day celebrated ?
- a) 8th May
 - b) 7th April
 - c) 22nd October
 - d) 4th January
36. Which project has been launched by the Indian Government in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Sikkim and Uttarakhand to ensure biodiversity ?
- a) Himalayan Panda Project
 - b) Project Tiger
 - c) SECURE himalaya Project
 - d) Project Great Indian Bastard
37. Who has been conferred with the 11th KISS Humanitarian Award 2018 ?
- a) Dalai Lama
 - b) Alejandro Toledo
 - c) R N Dash
 - d) Muhammad Yunus

38. The Nathula Pass falls within _____
- a) Dongkyala Range
 - b) Singlila Range
 - c) Chorten Nyinna Range
 - d) Zaskar Range
39. At present the Sanitation Cover of Sikkim is :-
- a) 78%
 - b) 90%
 - c) 98%
 - d) 100%
40. Which is the cleanest village in India ?
- a) Mawsynram
 - b) Dawki
 - c) Cherrapunji
 - d) Mawlynnong
41. As per 2011 Census of India the Female Literacy rate of Sikkim is :-
- a) 70.01%
 - b) 76.43%
 - c) 77.71%
 - d) 79.58%
42. Who won the Gold in men's 50mm Air pistol in common wealth games 2018 ?
- a) Anish
 - b) Jitu Rai
 - c) Sanjiv Rajput
 - d) Ravi Kumar
43. Which country is hosting the 2018 International conference of human rights in South Africa ?
- a) India
 - b) Bangladesh
 - c) China
 - d) Nepal

44. Which country will host the 21st 2018 FIFA World Cup ?
- a) England
 - b) France
 - c) Russia
 - d) Argentina
45. How many Sanctuaries are there in Sikkim ?
- a) 9
 - b) 11
 - c) 6
 - D) 7
46. A persist fall in the general fall in the price level of goods and services is known as
- a) Deflation
 - b) Disinflation
 - c) Stagflation
 - d) Depression
47. On 8th May 2018 Nasa announced its tie up with which Company to simulate flying taxis in urban areas in order to make flying cars a reality ?
- a) Ola
 - b) Uber
 - c) Go Taxi
 - d) Space X
48. Which noble prize category is cancelled by the Swedish Academy members this year ?
- a) Physics
 - b) Peace
 - c) Literature
 - d) Medicine
49. Tabo Monastery is located in which state of India ?
- a) Himachal Pradesh
 - b) Arunachal Pradesh
 - c) Sikkim
 - d) Jammu & Kashmir

50. 1 Kilobyte is equal to how many bytes ?
- 1034 bytes
 - 1024 bytes
 - 322 bytes
 - 1102 bytes
51. Where will the 2018 World Robot Conference be held from 15th to 19th August ?
- New Delhi
 - Dublin
 - Tokyo
 - Beijing
52. The child sex ratio in the State of Sikkim as per the census of India 2011 is:
- 944
 - 999
 - 890
 - 922
53. The rankings of countries as the highest per capita emitters of carbon dioxide in the world, takes into account their annual CO₂ emissions from
- Burning of fossil fuels
 - Cement manufacturers
 - Deforestations
- Only 1
 - 1 & 2
 - 1 & 3
 - 1, 2 & 3
54. Which is the State tree of Sikkim?
- Rhododendron
 - Oak
 - Maple
 - Birch
55. Where did the holy men consecrate the first Chogyal of Sikkim?
- Rabdanste
 - Tumlong
 - Yuksam
 - Gangtok

56. Which state became the India's first state to launch open Government Data Portal to update data regarding organic agricultural activities ?
a) Himachal
b) Orissa
c) Punjab
d) Sikkim
57. Which of the following is the correct set of two official languages of the UN ?
a) Hindi & Chinese
b) Arabic & Chinese
c) Japanese & Chinese
d) Hindi & French
58. Who invented What's App ?
a) Steve Jobs
b) Jan Koum
c) Stephen Hawking
d) Bill Gates
59. Aizwal is situated on which of the following river ?
a) Tlawng
b) Hwang Ho
c) Irawadi
d) Meghna
60. Which state has bagged the 'State of the year' Award under the business leader category at the India Business Leader Award (IBLA) 2018 ?
a) Sikkim
b) Karnataka
c) Chhattisgarh
d) Punjab

Section -B

61. Write a letter to your friend explaining him/ her the benefits of organic farming. (10 marks)

OR

Flower show of Sikkim

62. As the population of towns in Sikkim is growing, there is need for better waste management to keep the environment clean and hygienic. Write a report on 'Waste Management'. (10 marks)

OR

Degraded hills can be restored by afforestation and conserving soil and water through rain water harvesting. Write a report on 'Rain Water Harvesting'.