

Sikkim Public Service Commission

Main Written Examination for the Post of Sikkim State Civil Service

PAPER - II

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Afternoon Session

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1. Consider the following statements:

1. The finance commission of India is a constitutional body.
2. The fourteenth finance commission have increased the percentage of allocation to state share.
3. Dr. Vijay L. Kelkar was the chairperson of the Fourteenth finance commission.

Which of the statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

2. Consider the following statements.

1. Chandrayaan was the first Indian mission to Jupiter.
2. Communication satellites are placed in geostationary orbits.
3. GSLV can launch a heavier satellite than PSLV.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

3. Which of the following is/are United Nation sustainable development goals?

1. End poverty in all its form everywhere.
2. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
3. Space exploration.

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

4. Shapi is a / an type of _____ found in Sikkim

- (a) animal
- (b) Plant
- (c) Food
- (d) tree

5. Consider the following regarding UDAN, a scheme launch by the government of India.

1. It is to improve the regional connectivity for the under-served and un-served airports in the country.
2. The fare for a one hour journey of approx. 500 km on a fixed wing aircraft is capped and fixed.
3. Thirty minutes journey on a helicopter is also included in the scheme.

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3 only

6. The ex-officio members of NITI Aayog are

1. Home Minister
2. Finance Minister
3. Defence Minister
4. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister
5. Minority Affairs Minister

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1, 2 and 4
- (c) 2, 3 and 4
- (d) 2, 3, 4 and 5

7. Pension for the Physically Challenged in Sikkim has been revised to:-

- (a) Rupees 1000
- (b) Rupees 1500
- (c) Rupees 2000
- (d) Rupees 2500

8. The National Dairy Development Board projects the production of milk in Sikkim during 2015-16 as

- (a) 40MT
- (b) 52MT
- (c) 67 MT
- (d) 84 MT

9. Shell company appearing in the news refers to

- (a) a corporate entity without active business operations or significant assets and they are often created to avoid tax.
- (b) a company engaged in exploration of oil and natural gases.

- (c) a company set up for investing public money in mutual funds.
- (d) a company for restructuring banks Non Performing Asset(NPA).

10. Which organisation launches the Year of Polar Prediction to improve predictions of weather, climate and ice condition in the Arctic and Antarctic ?
- (a) UNESCO
 - (b) United Nations
 - (c) United Nations Secretariat
 - (d) International Development Association
11. Chit fund companies appearing often in the news are governed and regulated by
- (a) SEBI
 - (b) RBI
 - (c) respective state governments
 - (d) Central government
12. The term 'Crony capitalism' refers to
- (a) an economic system characterized by closely and mutually advantageous relationships between business leaders and government officials.
 - (b) a type of capitalism dealing with business in iron ore exploration.
 - (c) an economic system in which the poor are encourage to participate in the nation development.
 - (d) an economic system in which the educated youth are encourage to participate in the nation development.
13. The Senkaku/Diaoyu island is a disputed island between
- (a) China and Philippines
 - (b) China and Vietnam
 - (c) China and Japan
 - (d) Japan and Malaysia
14. Which Malware attacked more than 3.65 crores of Android users through the simple fashion and cooking game apps. on the Google play store ?
- (a) Ransomware
 - (b) Rootkit
 - (c) Skelky
 - (d) Judy
15. Which of the following Islands in India is/are coral Islands?
1. Kavaratti Island
 2. Barren Island
 3. Agatti Island

Choose the correct option

- (a) 1 only

- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

16. Doyang lake is situated in the state of

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Manipur

17. In which year did Pawan Kumar Chamling become the Chief Minister of Sikkim

- (a) 1989
- (b) 1992
- (c) 1993
- (d) 1994

18. In recent times, rubber plantation is increasingly becoming popular in North Eastern States of India. Which of the following state is the largest producer of rubber in North East India?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Tripura

19. The term 'Wake turbulence' refers to

- (a) turbulence that forms when high speed winds pass through a region near the equator.
- (b) turbulence that forms after a cyclone has occurred in that place.
- (c) turbulence that forms behind an aircraft as it passes through the air.
- (d) turbulence that forms near the sand dune in desert areas.

20. Phumdis-a floating mass of matted vegetation, organic debris and soil is found in

- (a) Loktak lake
- (b) Brahmaputra river
- (c) Teesta river
- (d) Umiam lake

21. Which of the following are the methods of ex-situ conservation?

1. Zoological garden
2. Biosphere reserve
3. Seed banks
4. Aquarium

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1, 2, and 4 only
- (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

22. Which of the following is/are parts of the Directive Principles of State Policy?

- 1. To promote equal justice and to provide free legal aid.
- 2. To safeguard public property and abjure violence.
- 3. To take steps to secure the participation of workers in the management of industries.

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

23. Which of the following is/are correct regarding earthquake?

- 1. Electroscope is an instrument used for measuring the intensity of earthquake.
- 2. Epicentre is the point on the earth's surface vertically above the focus point.

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

24. Mark Zuckerberg recently received an Honorary doctorate degree from which university?

- (a) Harvard University
- (b) University of Cambridge
- (c) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- (d) University of Oxford

25. Which Ministry bans the cattle slaughter across India?

- (a) Ministry of Agriculture and farmer Welfare
- (b) Ministry of Civil Social Justice and Empowerment
- (c) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- (d) Ministry of Environment

26. Apart from United States, which of the following countries are not a part of Paris Agreement?

- (a) Georgia
- (b) Algeria

- (c) Syria
- (d) Chile

27. Which team won 2016-17 UEFA Europe League Title ?

- (a) Villareal CF
- (b) Celtic FC
- (c) Manchester United FC
- (d) Amsterdamsche Football Club Ajax

28. Had there been no carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, what would have been the **average** temperature of the earth?

- (a) Greater than the present average temperature of the earth.
- (b) Lower than the present average temperature of the earth.
- (c) No difference.
- (d) None of the above.

29. Which of the following is/are plantation crops?

- 1. Coconut
- 2. Wheat
- 3. Rice
- 4. Rubber

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

30. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) bill, recently passed by the government would **impact** which of the following taxes?

- 1. Income tax
- 2. Corporation tax
- 3. Service tax

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 3 only

31. Consider the following statements regarding inflation:

- 1. Core inflation is a correct measure of inflation in long term.
- 2. Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the measure of headline inflation in India.

- (a) Tata Group
 - (b) Airtel
 - (c) LIC
 - (d) Reliance
38. The four Grand Slam tournaments in tennis, viz. French Open, Wimbledon, US Open and Australian Open are held every year. Which of the following correctly represents the sequence of their organization in a year?
- (a) French Open, Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open.
 - (b) Australian Open, Wimbledon, French Open, US Open.
 - (c) Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, US Open.
 - (d) Wimbledon, French Open, US Open, Australian Open.
39. Who is elected as the new Director- General of WHO ?
- (a) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
 - (b) Dr. Margaret Chan
 - (c) Dr. Anarfi Asamoah-Baah
 - (d) Dr. Hajime Inoue
40. Which of the following is not a bacterial disease?
- (a) Influenza
 - (b) Tetanus
 - (c) Cholera
 - (d) Tuberculosis
41. Before playing a guitar in a concert, a guitarist tries to adjust the tension and pluck the string suitably. In this process, he is adjusting
- (a) amplitude of the sound only.
 - (b) intensity of the sound only.
 - (c) loudness of the sound.
 - (d) frequency of the guitar string.
42. Chromosomes are made up of
1. DNA
 2. RNA
 3. Protein
- Choose the correct option:
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 2 and 3 only

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

32. Singba Rhododendron Sanctuary is located in

- (a) Yumthang
- (b) Varsey
- (c) Rabongla
- (d) Near Tsomgo Lake

33. The Author(s) of 'Butterflies of Sikkim Himalaya and their Natural History' is/are

- (a) Meena Haribal
- (b) Satyajit Ray
- (c) J Hooker
- (d) Topdhan Rai and Lalit Kr. Rai

34. Which of the following is/are true about sound wave?

- 1. Sound wave can travel in vacuum.
- 2. Sound wave can travel in steel.
- 3. The speed of sound depends primarily on the nature and the temperature of the transmitting medium.

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 3 only

35. Which of the following is **not** a greenhouse gas?

- (a) Nitrous Oxide
- (b) Methane
- (c) Argon
- (d) Ozone

36. Which of the following is **not** an expected effect of climate change?

- (a) Sea levels rising
- (b) Flooding in coastal cities
- (c) Extreme weather
- (d) Expanding glaciers

37. Which Company is the most valuable brand in India, according to recently released 2017 Brand Finance India 100 report ?

- (b) Tshudpud Namgyal
- (c) Chakdor Namgyal
- (d) Phuntsog Namgyal

50. In May 2017 on which online travel portal was Gangtok voted as India's favourite Hill station ?

- (a) Yatra
- (b) Holiday IQ
- (c) Goibibo
- (d) Expedia

51. Which Indian short film will be screened by UNESCO as part of 2017 World Press Freedom Day (WPDF) in Indonesia ?

- (a) Azaad
- (b) Gutthi
- (c) Roadside Ambanis
- (d) Little Terrorist

52. The idea of 'Fraternity' is one of the major goals of the Constitution of India. Fraternity is included in the Preamble of the Constitution of India, it assures

- (a) The dignity of the citizens of India.
- (b) The equality of opportunity to all the citizens of India.
- (c) The free practice of faith and worship.
- (d) Equal sharing of political and economic power among all the citizens of the India.

53. The State of Jhansi was made a part of the British Empire in India through the

- (a) Doctrine of Lapse
- (b) Policy of Subsidiary Alliance
- (c) War against Rani Laxmi Bai
- (d) None of these

54. From which of the following books Mahatma Gandhi took inspiration and proposed the concept of 'Sarvodaya' and 'Antyodaya' ?

- (a) Peace and War
- (b) Bhagwat Gita
- (c) Unto the Last
- (d) The Kingdom of God is within you

55. The Kapildhara waterfall is situated on which of the following rivers:

- (a) Godavari
- (b) Cauvery

43. The FIFA World Cup 2018 will be held in which country?
- (a) USA
 - (b) Russia
 - (c) Qatar
 - (d) Australia
44. Drake won _____ awards at the 2017 Billboard Music Awards.
- (a) 12
 - (b) 15
 - (c) 13
 - (d) 11
45. Which IIT Institute has collaborated with the British Geological Survey (BGS) to turn Varanasi into a Smart City ?
- (a) IIT Bombay
 - (b) IIT Madras
 - (c) IIT Kharagpur
 - (d) IIT Indore
46. The disappointment and the anger of the Indian political leaders following the August offer during pre-independence period have finally culminated into
- (a) Civil Disobedience Movement
 - (b) Khilafat Movement
 - (c) Quit India Movement
 - (d) Swadeshi Movement
47. The Tebhaga Peasant Movement emerged in which of the following British Indian State?
- (a) Bengal
 - (b) Madras
 - (c) Bombay
 - (d) Assam
48. The 'Free Indian Legion' was associated with which of the following personality of Indian Freedom Movement?
- (a) V. D. Savarkar
 - (b) Sardar Ajit Singh
 - (c) Subhas Chandra Bose
 - (d) Lala Hardayal
49. Botanist Joseph Dalton Hooker and Archibald Campbell were arrested in Sikkim during the reign of
- (a) Sikdeong Namgyal

- (c) Narmada
- (d) Ganga

56. To evolve a peaceful settlement of the conflict between India and China, which of the following Non Aligned Afro-Asia Nations participated in a Conference held in December 1962 ?

- (a) Burma (Now Myanmar), Cambodia, Indonesia and UAR
- (b) Burma, Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Indonesia
- (c) Burma, Indonesia, Ghana and Sri Lanka
- (d) All of the Above

57. Which country among the following SAARC member country has the highest percent of female representation in the Parliament:

- (a) Maldives
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) India
- (d) Bangladesh

58. The southernmost point of peninsular India, that is Kanyakumari is

- (a) North of Tropic of Cancer
- (b) South of the Equator
- (c) South of the Capricorn
- (d) North of the Equator

59. The Yarlung Zangbo river, in India, is known as

- (a) Ganga
- (b) Indus
- (c) Brahmaputra
- (d) Mahanadi

60. The series of articles 'New Lamp for Old' is the work of

- (a) R. C. Dutta
- (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (c) Aurobindo Ghosh
- (d) Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

61. Consider the following statements:

1. Geeta Phogat is a Greco-Roman style wrestler.
2. Geeta Phogat's father Mahavir Prasad Phogat is a Dronacharya Award recipient.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

62. What causes the difference of time between two places ?

- (1) Latitude
- (2) Altitude
- (3) Longitude
- (4) Distance from Equator

- (a) 1 and 3
- (b) 1,3 and 4
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 3 and 4

63. The Parliament of India cannot be regarded as a sovereign body because

- (a) it can legislate only on subjects entrusted to the Centre by the Constitution
- (b) it has to operate within the limits prescribed by the Constitution
- (c) the Supreme Court can declare laws passed by Parliament as unconstitutional, if they contravene the provisions of the constitutions.
- (d) all of the above

64. The famous 'Kandariya Mahadeva Temple' is located at?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

65. Which of the following sets of Bills is presented to the Parliament along with the Budget ?

- (a) Direct Taxes Bill and Indirect Taxes Bill
- (b) Contingency Bill and Appropriation Bill
- (c) Finance Bill and Appropriation Bill
- (d) Finance Bill and Contingency Bill

66. Which of the following is the oldest High Court in India ?

- (a) The Allahabad High Court
- (b) The Bombay High Court
- (c) The Madras High Court
- (d) The Calcutta High Court

67. Article 2 and 3 deals with the

- (a) Fundamental Duties
- (b) Name of the Country

- (c) Establishment of new States
- (d) Citizenship

68. Fall in air temperature with increasing elevation is known as :-

- (a) Temperature Inversion
- (b) Thermal reduction
- (c) Lapse rate
- (d) Thermal anomaly

69. Mahatma Gandhi elaborated the western concept of the Democracy in Indian context as the 'Swaraj' which of the following were the core principle of Gandhian Swaraj ?

- (1) Non - Violence
- (2) Centralization
- (3) Panchayat
- (4) Stateless Democoy

Choose the correct options :-

- (a) 2 and 3
- (b) 1,2 and 3 only
- (c) 1,3 and 4 only
- (d) 1,2, 3 and 4

70. By which amendment Sikkim became a full state of India

- (a) 30th Amendment
- (b) 32nd Amendment
- (c) 35th Amendment
- (d) 36th Amendment

71. With reference to 'Algo-trading', recently in news, which of the following statement is/are correct?

- 1. 'Flash Crash' is typically caused by 'Algo-trading'.
- 2. Securities and Exchange board of India (SEBI) is planning to make 'Algo-trading' compulsory under Digital India initiative.

Select the correct option:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

72. Recently, India and World Bank have signed a financial agreement for 'Tejaswini: Socio-Economic Empowerment of Adolescent Girls and Young Women Project'. In which state of India this project is being initiated for the first time?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
(b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Jharkhand
(d) Uttarakhand
73. The Union Government has launched a scholarship scheme, Muktiyoddha Scholarship, for the children of freedom fighters. Which country would be benefited by this scholarship?
- (a) Nepal
(b) Sri Lanka
(c) Bangladesh
(d) Myanmar
74. A warship of Indian Navy is popularly known as 'Grand Old Lady'. This Indian warship is:
- (a) INS Arihant
(b) INS Viraat
(c) INS Vikramaditya
(d) INS Chakra
75. The Existence of Black Money in the economy is recognised as a threat to the Indian Economy system. Which of the following features is / are attributes of Black Money ?
- (1) It refers to money generated through illegitimate means such as drug trade, crime, terrorism and corruption
(2) It includes counterfeit currency in circulation
(3) Wealth may have been generated through legitimate means but income there on has not been declared nor the taxes due paid to the government.
(4) None of the above
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below
- (a) 4 only
(b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only
(d) 1 and 3 only
76. With reference to the history of India, 'Treaty of Aix-La-Chapelle' is associated with which war?
- (a) Anglo-Maratha War
(b) First Carnatic War
(c) World War-I
(d) World War-II
77. The belief that economic growth will percolate down to all sectors was known as
- (a) Dispersal theory
(b) Decentralised growth theory

- (c) Pump priming
- (d) Trickle down

78. The Black Death was one of the most devastating pandemics in Human history that killed around 60% of Europe's population due to

- (a) pneumonia
- (b) plague
- (c) small pox
- (d) tuberculosis

79. According to the Census 2011, which Indian State is a slum free state?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Goa
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Kerala

80. The use of Micro Organism metabolism to remove pollutants such as oil spills in the water bodies is known as

- (a) Biomagnification
- (b) Bioremediation
- (c) Biomethanation
- (d) Bioreduction

81. Which of the following is not an agent of the physical weathering of rocks:

- (a) Rivers
- (b) Plant Growth
- (c) Ice
- (d) Rusting

82. Which of the following is the lightest metal

- (a) Mercury
- (b) Lithium
- (c) Lead
- (d) Silver

83. Which is the weakest fundamental force of nature?

- (a) Strong Nuclear Force
- (b) Weak Nuclear Force
- (c) Gravitational Force
- (d) Electromagnetic Force

84. Regarding 'Payments Banks', which of the following statements is/are correct?
1. Customers can have small saving accounts in Payments Banks.
 2. Payments Banks can issue credit cards to their account holders.
 3. Payments Banks pay interest on deposits made by account holders.
- Choose the correct option:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
85. Consider the following statements about the office of the Governor of a State:
1. Governor's emoluments and allowances cannot be diminished during his term of office.
 2. When the same person is appointed as a Governor of two or more states, the emoluments and allowances payable to him are shared by the States in such a proportion as determined by the Parliament.
- Which of the statements given above is/are true?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
86. The Chairman of a State Public Service Commission is appointed by the Governor of the State and removed by:
- (a) The Governor of the State
 - (b) The President of India
 - (c) The Chief Minister of the State
 - (d) Chief Justice of the High Court of the State
87. Which of the following statements is true about the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India?
- (a) CAG is responsible only to the Parliament.
 - (b) CAG is responsible only to the President of India.
 - (c) CAG is responsible to both The President and The Parliament.
 - (d) CAG is independent and is not responsible to any Institution.
88. The property of a substance to absorb moisture from the air on exposure is called
- (a) Osmosis
 - (b) deliquescence
 - (c) efflorescence
 - (d) desiccation

89. Which one of the following rights was described by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar as the heart and soul of the constitution?

- (a) Right to Equality
- (b) Right to Freedom
- (c) Right to Freedom of religion
- (d) Right to Constitutional Remedies

90. To whom does the President of India address his letter of resignation?

- (a) The Prime Minister
- (b) The Vice President of India
- (c) The Speaker of Lok Sabha
- (d) The Chief Justice of India

91. In an Atomic nucleus, neutrons and protons are held together by

- (a) gravitational forces
- (b) exchange forces
- (c) coulombic forces
- (d) magnetic forces

92. Which of the following are envisaged by the Right against exploitation in the Constitution of India?

1. Prohibition of traffic in human beings and forced labour.
2. Protection of interests of minorities.
3. Prohibition of employment of children in factories and mines.
4. Abolition of untouchability.

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 4 only
- (d) 2, 3 and 4 only

93. How does common salt help in separating soap from the solution after saponification ?

- (a) by decreasing density of soap
- (b) by decreasing solubility of soap
- (c) by increasing density of soap
- (d) by increasing solubility of soap

94. Which of the following is a density-dependent factor limiting human population growth?

- (a) Fire
- (b) Earthquakes

- (c) Storms
- (d) Famine

95. Potassium Permanganate is used for purifying drinking water because
- (a) it is sterilizing agent
 - (b) it dissolves the impurities of water
 - (c) it is a reducing agent
 - (d) it is an oxidising agent
96. Which of the following ecosystems accounts for the largest amount of earth's nutritional resources?
- (a) Oceans
 - (b) Grasslands
 - (c) Tropical Rain Forests
 - (d) Temperate Deciduous Forests
97. Which of the following measures is not directly related to the goal of Inclusive Growth?
- (a) Poverty Alleviation
 - (b) Good Governance
 - (c) Disinvestment
 - (d) Skill Development
98. The purpose of the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) is to control the prices of which type of commodities?
- (a) Agri-horticultural commodities
 - (b) Any commodity with rising prices
 - (c) All commodities in Consumer Price Index (CPI)
 - (d) All commodities in Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
99. In which of the following states the scheme 'Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI)' is being implemented?
1. Bihar
 2. Manipur
 3. Assam
 4. Mizoram

Choose the correct option:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
 - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
100. Kovalam beach is located in the state of
- (a) Kerala
 - (b) Goa
 - (c) Tamil Nadu
 - (d) Andhra Pradesh