

Sikkim Public Service Commission

Main Written Examination for the Post
Assistant Engineer(Agriculture) & Dental Surgeon(Jr Grade)

Time Allowed : 2 Hrs.

Paper - I
General English & G. K.

Maximum Marks : 100

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Section I
GENERAL ENGLISH

MAXIMUM MARKS: 50

The question paper consists of 4 sections.

Section A: Reading Comprehension	8 Marks	MCQ
Section B: Vocabulary	11 Marks	MCQ
Section C: Grammar	11 Marks	MCQ
Section D: Writing	20 Marks	Conventional

All questions are compulsory

SECTION A

1-8 Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answer

In China the red banner with large white characters had been the standard channel of communicating governmental directives and concerns to citizens ever since the communists came to power more than half a century ago. In turn citizen themselves used these banners to flag their collective commitment and support for government policy. Collective aspirations, collective commitment, the very thoughts of people were assumed and expressed as collective through these red banners.

So powerful was their presence that they seeped into metaphor. Only a few decades ago citizens were regularly urged to 'raise high the red banner of Mao Zedong thought'. Red was a potent colour in China- traditionally the colour for good luck and celebration and in more modern times the hue of revolution.

The hutongs, in many ways the last bastion of the collective culture of communism, were filled with the gnomic utterances of large- white -character - on -red-backdrop-banners. Three issues loomed larger than others on the banners that dotted my neighbourhood: the Olympic Games, care for the elderly, and dogs.

'Abide by the Dog Rules', one large banner cryptically announced, stretched out between two sturdy trees, only a few metres down from my courtyard. Next to it another urged residents to "Visit the elderly; bring happiness to them'.

The hutongs were disproportionately peopled with retirees and their pets; the ever-dwindling younger generation having taken off for swankier addresses. China's experiment with demographic engineering through its one-child policy had created one of the fastest ageing populations the world had ever seen. 'The Middle Kingdom goes from Red to Grey', the headline of one media report catchily summed up, a summation that a quick walk around the hutongs was enough to confirm.

1. Citizens earlier used the banners to
 - A) advertise
 - B) proclaim
 - C) preach
 - D) announce

2. With time the banners
 - A) symbolised other meanings.
 - B) became a part of everyday life.
 - C) became compulsory but popular.
 - D) became synonymous with citizens

3. What was the similarity between the Hutongs and the banners?
 - A) The Hutongs used the banners for all purposes.
 - B) It was representative of a common societal culture.
 - C) It was representative of a common ideological principle.
 - D) The colour red which was a symbol of luck and celebration.

4. Which of the following is NOT correct about the Hutongs?
 - A) It is the last symbol upholding China's collective communism
 - B) It was inhabited by mostly the elderly
 - C) Banners were widely used for social messages
 - D) China's one-child policy had made Hutongs common.

5. An appropriate title for the passage would be
 - A) A Dying Culture
 - B) Collective Communism
 - C) Banners and Hutongs
 - D) China – Old and New

6. The word 'standard' in sentence 1 is making a reference to
 - A) behaviour
 - B) quality
 - C) feature
 - D) measurement

7. The sentence, 'The Middle Kingdom goes from Red to Grey' is an example of
 - a
 - A) Metaphor
 - B) Synonym
 - C) Alliteration
 - D) Hyperbole

8. The Hutongs were disproportionately peopled with retirees and their pets.
 In the above sentence 'disproportionately' is a/an
 - A) Verb
 - B) Adverb
 - C) Adjective
 - D) Noun

SECTION B

9-19 – Choose the correct option.

9. He _____ the ball into the air.
A) bashed
B) whopped
C) wrangled
D) whacked
10. We had to pay through the nose for those tickets.
A) It was difficult to get the tickets.
B) It was easy to get the tickets.
C) The tickets were expensive.
D) The tickets were cheap.
11. I'm _____ we've met before.
A) convinced
B) positive
C) reckon
D) hazy
12. Doesn't he take _____ his father?
A) on
B) after
C) like
D) in
13. He loves going for parties. He's a very _____ person
A) even-tempered
B) original
C) optimistic
D) gregarious
14. This has to be done by next week; we must _____ before it's too late.
A) get our act together
B) get to the bottom of things
C) go hand in hand
D) toe the line
15. The children are making a lot of _____ in the classroom.
A) rumble
B) din
C) racket
D) thud

16. He's a huge star here but he's unheard - _____ in my country.

- A) out
- B) of
- C) about
- D) up

17. There is total _____ due to the traffic jam.

- A) tension
- B) confusions
- C) flux
- D) chaos

18-19 Choose the word that sounds different.

18.

- A) fair
- B) bare
- C) pear
- D) rear

19.

- A) stead
- B) cede
- C) bead
- D) heed

SECTION C

20-30 Choose the correct option.

20. I think Alisha _____ in this town since 2012 or maybe earlier

- A) lives
- B) is living
- C) has lived
- D) lived

21. The college said that she couldn't take the course, _____?

- A) could she
- B) couldn't she
- C) did she
- D) didn't they

22. Amit liked to say the he was just one of Flipkart's _____ happy customers.

- A) all
- B) lots of
- C) many
- D) some

23. When we were students, my friends and I rented a cabin _____ the mountains so that we go hiking.

- A) above
B) in
C) on
D) over

24. Once you _____ into a routine, you'll find the work is quite easy.

- A) settled
B) are settling
C) well settled
D) have settled

25. My friend offered me a lift. I said I'd rather _____

- A) walk
B) walking
C) walked
D) to walk

_____ (26) hot today. _____ (27) a cold drink in the house?

I'll _____ (28) my mother. Mum, _____ (29) any Coca-Cola?

No, but you can have milk.

Oh, but we _____ (30) milk.

	A	B	C	D
26	The sun's	The sun	A sun's	A sun
27	Are there	Is there	There are	There is
28	say to	ask to	say	ask
29	has we	we has	have we	we have
30	no like	don't like	do like not	not like the

Section II

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

MAXIMUM MARKS: 25x2=50

31. Who became the first Chairperson of FTII to resign before completion of his term?

- A) Gajendra Chouhan
B) Anupam Kher
C) Jaya Bachchan
D) Hema Malini

32. Who was awarded with Infosys Prize 2018 Engineering and Computer Science?
- A) Navakanta Bhat
 - B) Kavita Singh
 - C) Nalini Anantharaman
 - D) S.K Satheesh
33. India's first National Institute for Inter-Faith Studies will be set up in which state?
- A) Himachal Pradesh
 - B) Punjab
 - C) West Bengal
 - D) Sikkim
34. What is the theme of the 2018 Universal Children's Day (USD)?
- A) Stop Violence against Children
 - B) Protect Children, Protect World
 - C) Children are taking over and turning the world blue
 - D) Kids are taking over
35. India's first ever autism township will come up in which of the following states?
- A) West Bengal
 - B) Odisha
 - C) Assam
 - D) Punjab
36. Which of the cyclones has been declared 'rarest of rare' as per reports by RIMES?
- A) Giza
 - B) Mangkut
 - C) Titli
 - D) Morakut
37. Who has been named the Brand Ambassador of 2018 Women's World Boxing Championship?
- A) Sarjubala Devi
 - B) Yogeshwar Dutt
 - C) Mary Kom
 - D) Pinki Jangra
38. What was the theme of the three day long North Moto Tour 2018 organized by Northern Riders in Sikkim?
- A) Awareness and conservation of high altitude birds and butterflies of Sikkim
 - B) Ride for nature awareness
 - C) Protect our birds and animals
 - D) Environment Awareness

39. Who bagged the first prize of Sikkim Biking Competition organised by Sikkim Sports Department on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?
- A) Ugen Lama
 - B) Asim Sharma
 - C) Ching Hang Rai
 - D) Dawa Sherpa
40. Which of the following cities is the venue of the 2018 India International Cherry Blossom (IICB) Festival?
- A) Agartala
 - B) Gangtok
 - C) Srinagar
 - D) Shillong
41. Which state government has recently launched 'Soura Jananidhi Scheme'?
- A) Jharkhand
 - B) Odisha
 - C) Bihar
 - D) Uttar Pradesh
42. The world's largest airport 'Under One Roof' has officially opened in which city?
- A) Kochi
 - B) Istanbul
 - C) Beijing
 - D) Tokyo
43. Which of the following words has been chosen 'Word of Year 2018' by Oxford Dictionaries?
- A) Toxic
 - B) Me Too
 - C) Cakeism
 - D) Vegan
44. Who directed the film 'Little Buddha'?
- A) Richard Attenborough
 - B) Bernardo Bertolucci
 - C) Ben Johnson
 - D) Mani Kaul
45. Which state government has recently rolled out the technology driven and citizen friendly 'Mo-Bus' service?
- A) Andhra Pradesh
 - B) Karnataka
 - C) Odisha
 - D) Kerala

46. How many times has Mary Kom won the Women's World Boxing Championship?
A) 3
B) 2
C) 4
D) 6
47. Tenzing Norgay Memorial Open Tennis Championship 2018 was held in:
A) Gangtok
B) Darjeeling
C) Kalimpong
D) Siliguri
48. How much forest cover has increased in Sikkim since 1993?
A) 5%
B) 7%
C) 10%
D) 4%
49. How tall is the World's tallest Chenrezig statue of Sikkim?
A) 148 feet
B) 137 feet
C) 135 feet
D) 157 feet
50. The colours in the fine cut diamond are because of which of the following?
A) Variance in the transparency of diamond
B) Variance in the index of refraction
C) Presence of impurities
D) Existence of definite planer layers
51. The highest per capita emitter of carbon dioxide in the world is:
A) USA
B) China
C) Qatar
D) Saudi Arabia
52. In which of the following festivals of Sikkim, Yak race is held?
A) Drukpa Teshi
B) Saga Dawa
C) Losoong
D) Pang Lhabsol
53. 'Black Pagoda' is located in which state?
A) Tamil Nadu
B) West Bengal
C) Odisha
D) Himachal Pradesh
54. Who is appointed the first Youth Ambassador of UNICEF India?
A) Sushil Kumar
B) Sania Mirza
C) Sachin Tendulkar
D) Hima Das

55. Which among the following services does not belong to Google?
- A) You Tube
 - B) Blogger
 - C) Picnik
 - D) Xbox

SECTION D

56. Precis

Write a precis of the following passage in not more than 150 words. **(10)**

Why are there so many kinds of workers in today's cities and towns? Why doesn't every one of us make the things he wants for himself as people did a long time ago? Primitive man did just that. He built his own hut, grew his own food, made his own clothing and furnished his little hut with what little he wanted. And he was satisfied; he did not have to depend on anyone for food – or for any other essentials. He was his own master.

But as his wants grew and more and more people started to live together, they discovered the advantage of the division of labour. Since practice makes one perfect, doing the same thing again and again leads to greater speed and efficiency. So today different people are doing different things and no one tries to specialize in too many things.

A result of this division of labour is that in our world we now have specialists in all sorts of things. In the U.S.A young people graduate in dish washing, flower arrangement, interior decoration, hair dressing and so on. An inevitable result is that people know more and more about less and less and work only in their own narrow fields of specialization.

There are a number of advantages of such a division of labour but there are at least two disadvantages also. One, people do not take interest in each other's work; they are narrow specialists. Secondly, the worker does not get the satisfaction that comes from producing a thing (eg. a bicycle or a pen); each worker produces a small part of the thing and no one is its maker. (276 words)

57. Essay

The use of mobile phones affects and controls an individual's mind in more ways than one. To battle against this problem of what is often called the dependence syndrome, various countries are focusing on de-addiction and counselling for the mental well-being of its citizens.

In about 250 words write an essay on how this addiction is affecting individuals and their mental health often leading to relationship problems. Suggest ways and strategies that family and society need to adopt to cope with problematic behaviours arising from it. **(10)**