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Main Written Examination for the Post of Assistant Professor for Sikkim Institute of
Higher Nyingma Studies under Education Department

PAPER I

Time allowed: 3.00 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 100

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SECTION A: GENERAL ENGLISH

(30 x 1 = 30)

Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answers from the given options.

Too many parents these days cannot say no. As a result, they find themselves raising children who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what they want doesn't satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing number of psychologists, educators and parents think it's time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what's really important: values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher- and the stakes have never been higher. One recent study of adults who were over-indulged as children, paints a discouraging picture of their future: when given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life's disappointments. They also have distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the work place and in relationships.

Psychologists say that parents who over- indulge their kids, set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today's parents themselves raised on values of thrift and self- sacrifice, grew up in culture where "no" was a household word. Today's kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The oldest members of this generation were born in the late 1980's, just as PCs and video games were making their assault on the family room. They think of MP3 players and flat screen TV as essential utilities, and they have developed strategies to get them. One survey of teenagers found that when they crave for something new, most expect to ask nine times before their parents give in. By every measure, parents are shelling out record amounts. In the heat of this buying blitz, even parents who desperately need to say no find themselves reaching for their credit cards.

Today's parents aren't equipped to deal with the problem. Many of them, raised in the 1960's 1970's, swore they'd act differently from their parents and have closer relationships with their own children. Many even wear the same designer clothes as their children and listen to the same music. They work more hours; at the end of the week, it's tempting to buy peace with 'yes' and not mar precious family time with conflict. Anxiety about the future is another factor. How do well intentioned parents say no to all the sports gear and arts and language lessons they believe will help their kids thrive in an increasingly competitive world? Experts agree: too much love won't spoil a child. Too few limits will.

What parents need to find, is a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals. That search for balance has to start early. Children need limits on their behavior because they feel better and more secure when they live within a secured structure.

Older children learn self-control by watching how others, especially parents act. Learning how to overcome challenges is essential to becoming a successful adult. Few parents ask kids to do chores. They think their kids are already overburdened by social and academic pressures. Every individual can be of service to others, and life has meaning beyond one's own immediate happiness. That means parents eager to teach values have to take a long, hard look at their own.

Choose the most appropriate option:

- 1) What do the psychologists, educators and parents want to teach the children?
 - A. To teach them about treachery
 - B. To teach them about indiscipline
 - C. To teach them about the values of life like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion
 - D. None of the above

- 2) What is essential to become a successful adult?
 - A. Learn how to overcome challenges
 - B. Learn not to overcome challenges
 - C. Nothing is essential
 - D. None of the above

- 3) Why do children need limits on the behavior when they live within a secured structure?
 - A. They feel more secure and better
 - B. They feel insecure
 - C. They feel bored
 - D. None of the above

- 4) What is the drawback of giving children too much too soon?
 - A. They fail to cope with life's disappointments when they grow up
 - B. They do not study seriously
 - C. They become quarrelsome when they grow up
 - D. None of the above

- 5) What is the meaning of the word 'Contentment'?
 - A. Dissatisfaction
 - B. Satisfaction
 - C. Disagreement
 - D. Neglect

Write the appropriate synonyms for the following words:

- 6) Cancel
 - A. Abolish
 - B. Approve
 - C. Allow
 - D. Break

- 7) Germinate
- A. Decay
 - B. Breed
 - C. Produce
 - D. Sprout
- 8) Busy
- A. Active
 - B. Occupied
 - C. Preoccupied
 - D. Diligent
- 9) Stupid
- A. Rude
 - B. Dull
 - C. Illiterate
 - D. Obstinate
- 10) Security
- A. Boldness
 - B. Safety
 - C. Fearlessness
 - D. Confidence

Write the appropriate antonyms for the following words:

- 11) Divided
- A. United
 - B. Dignified
 - C. Separated
 - D. Isolated
- 12) Discovered
- A. Exposed
 - B. Revealed
 - C. Concealed
 - D. Contended

- 13) Together
- A. Collect
 - B. Joint
 - C. Separate
 - D. Combine

- 14) Afar
- A. Distant
 - B. Far
 - C. Near
 - D. Next

- 15) Filthy
- A. Slimy
 - B. Clean
 - C. Sleazy
 - D. Dirty

Choose the correct option:

- 16) I think Tashi _____ in Gangtok since 2015.
- A. Lives
 - B. Is living
 - C. Has lived
 - D. Lived
- 17) Let us meet _____ 5 o' clock at M.G. Marg.
- A. In
 - B. To
 - C. At
 - D. On
- 18) She always travels _____ a bus.
- A. At
 - B. On
 - C. In
 - D. From

- 19) There are hardly any fishes _____ the river.
- A. On
 - B. At
 - C. Inside
 - D. In
- 20) It is already late, can you wait _____ tomorrow morning.
- A. For
 - B. From
 - C. Unless
 - D. Until

Choose the correct form of verb for the following blanks:

- 21) We _____ for fishing on Sunday.
- A. Went
 - B. Had gone
 - C. Had been gone
 - D. Were going
- 22) She _____ her clothes when it started to rain.
- A. Was washing
 - B. Is washing
 - C. Had washed
 - D. Has washed
- 23) It was sunny today. I hope it _____ not rain tomorrow.
- A. Will
 - B. Will be
 - C. Was to be
 - D. Would be
- 24) He _____ the seeds last year.
- A. Had planted
 - B. Has planted
 - C. Was planted
 - D. Was planting

- 25) The baby _____ when her mother came in.
- A. Was sleeping
 - B. Had slept
 - C. Was slept
 - D. Is sleeping

Fill in the blanks with appropriate phrasal verbs:

- 26) Would you _____ my dog for me this weekend?
- A. Look
 - B. Look after
 - C. Look for
 - D. Look up
- 27) My neighbor _____ eggs yesterday.
- A. Ran
 - B. Ran onto
 - C. Ran out of
 - D. Ran into
- 28) John _____ his leg at the basketball game.
- A. Broke
 - B. Broken
 - C. Broke down
 - D. Broke off
- 29) Our boss _____ our meeting until next week.
- A. Put
 - B. Put out
 - C. Put off
 - D. Put down
- 30) Could you _____ the music while I am on the phone?
- A. Turn
 - B. Turn in
 - C. Turn off
 - D. Turn around

SECTION B: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

(25 x 2 = 50)

- 31) Which of the following is not included in the 'eight-fold path' of Buddhism?
- A. Right contemplation
 - B. Right speech
 - C. Right desire
 - D. Right conduct
- 32) Who conducts the appointment of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India?
- A. Prime Minister
 - B. President
 - C. Governor
 - D. None of the above
- 33) Which continent has the highest density of population?
- A. Africa
 - B. Asia
 - C. Europe
 - D. South America
- 34) Which state of India is known as the Silicon State?
- A. Uttarakhand
 - B. Uttar Pradesh
 - C. Jharkhand
 - D. Karnataka
- 35) The main page of the website is called
- A. Home page
 - B. Browser page
 - C. Search page
 - D. Book mark
- 36) Who was the first film actress to be nominated for the Rajya Sabha?
- A. Hema Malini
 - B. Nargis Dutt
 - C. Rekha
 - D. None of the above

- 37) What is the minimum age for becoming the Prime Minister of India?
- A. 25
 - B. 18
 - C. 50
 - D. 30
- 38) Which are the three basic components of an atom?
- A. Proton, neutron and ion
 - B. Proton, neutron and electron
 - C. Platinum, didymium and tritium
 - D. Proton, neutrino and ion
- 39) Which planet is also known as the red planet?
- A. Mercury
 - B. Venus
 - C. Mars
 - D. Earth
- 40) Teak and Sal are the principal trees in the forests known as
- A. Dry deciduous
 - B. Dry evergreen
 - C. Tropical moist deciduous
 - D. Tropical moist evergreen
- 41) Which is the largest river in the world?
- A. Nile
 - B. Congo
 - C. Ganges
 - D. Amazon
- 42) Which state is number one in education in India?
- A. Mizoram
 - B. Kerala
 - C. Tripura
 - D. Lakshadweep

- 43) Which one of the following mountain peaks of Himalayas is not in India?
- A. Annapurna
 - B. Nanda Devi
 - C. Mount Kamet
 - D. Kanchendzonga
- 44) Which one of the following is most prone to earthquakes?
- A. Coastal plains
 - B. Old shields
 - C. Plateaus
 - D. Young folded mountains
- 45) Which of the following soil is very hard to cultivate?
- A. Alluvial soil
 - B. Black soil
 - C. Red soil
 - D. Sandy soil
- 46) Which one of the following religions got spread in different parts of Asia?
- A. Buddhism
 - B. Jainism
 - C. Hinduism
 - D. None of the above
- 47) Which vitamin is provided by sunlight to the body?
- A. Vitamin A
 - B. Vitamin B
 - C. Vitamin C
 - D. Vitamin D
- 48) Which of the following tests helps in diagnosis of cancer?
- A. X-ray
 - B. Urine test
 - C. Blood test
 - D. Biopsy

- 49) Who is called the Flying Sikh of India?
- A. Mohinder Singh
 - B. Ajit Pal Singh
 - C. Joginder Singh
 - D. Milkha Singh
- 50) Cannes film festival is held in _____ every year.
- A. France
 - B. Switzerland
 - C. Italy
 - D. England
- 51) Chandrayaan 2 will explore and perform studies on which region of Moon?
- A. North Pole
 - B. West Pole
 - C. South Pole
 - D. East Pole
- 52) LhababDhuechen is a festival to symbolize/ observe
- A. The birth of Lord Buddha
 - B. The Nirvana of Lord Buddha
 - C. The Pari-Nirvana of Lord Buddha
 - D. The descent of Lord Buddha from heaven of the 33 Gods after visiting his mother
- 53) Which of the following is the first calculating device?
- A. Abacus
 - B. Calculator
 - C. Turning machine
 - D. Pascaline
- 54) The energy of food is calculated or measured in
- A. Calories
 - B. Celsius
 - C. Kelvin
 - D. Joules

- 55) Which polymer is used in making non-stick kitchen ware?
- A. Nylon
 - B. Teflon
 - C. Polystyrene
 - D. Bakelite

SECTION C: PRECIS WRITING AND ESSAY WRITING

Read the passage carefully and write a précis of the same

(10 Marks)

- 56) Contrary to what is accepted in contemporary society, the Buddhist interpretation of karma does not refer to preordained fate. Karma refers to good or bad actions a person takes during his lifetime. Good actions, which involve either the absence of bad actions, or actual positive acts, such as generosity, righteousness, and meditation, bring about happiness in the long run.

Karma plays out in the Buddhism cycle of rebirth. There are six separate planes into which any living being can be reborn -- three fortunate realms, and three unfortunate realms. Those with favorable, positive karma are reborn into one of the fortunate realms: the realm of demigods, the realm of gods, and the realm of men. While the demigods and gods enjoy gratification unknown to men, they also suffer unceasing jealousy and envy. The realm of man is considered the highest realm of rebirth. Humanity lacks some of the extravagances of the demigods and gods, but is also free from their relentless conflict. Similarly, while inhabitants of the three unfortunate realms -- of animals, ghosts and hell -- suffer untold suffering, the suffering of the realm of man is far less.

The realm of man also offers one other aspect lacking in the other five planes, an opportunity to achieve enlightenment, or Nirvana. Given the sheer number of living things, to be born human is to Buddhists a precious chance at spiritual bliss, a rarity that one should not forsake.

Write an essay on any of the topics :

(10 marks)

- 57) a) How religion and spirituality can enhance and uplift the society/nation

OR

- b) Influence of Internet/Social media on kids