

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR LAND REVENUE & SETTLEMENT**  
**WRITTEN EXAMINATION FOR THE POST OF LDC (PE)**

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Maximum Marks: 200

**PAPER-I**

**PART A**

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (100 marks)**

*(Each question carries 2 marks)*

1. Constitution Day is observed on
  - (a) 26<sup>th</sup> January ( )
  - (b) 28<sup>th</sup> January ( )
  - (c) 28<sup>th</sup> November ( )
  - (d) 26<sup>th</sup> November ( )
2. Guwahati High Court covers which of the following territorial jurisdictions?
  1. Assam
  2. Mizoram
  3. Arunachal Pradesh
  4. Nagaland
  - (a) Both 1 & 2 ( )
  - (b) Both 2 & 3 ( )
  - (c) Both 1 & 4 ( )
  - (d) All of them ( )
3. In case a President dies while in office, the vice President can act as President for a maximum period of
  - (a) 1 year ( )
  - (b) 9 months ( )
  - (c) 2 years ( )
  - (d) 6 months ( )
4. With reference to the Prime Minister of India, which statement is correct?
  - (a) The term of Prime Minister is 5 years ( )
  - (b) Nominated members of Rajya Sabha cannot become the Prime Minister ( )
  - (c) The President has to appoint the leader of the majority party in the Lok Sabha as Prime Minister ( )
  - (d) Article 75 mentions that a Prime Minister is one who is appointed by the President. ( )
5. Which of the following is known as the "Watch dog of public money"?
  - (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) ( )
  - (b) Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) ( )
  - (c) Finance Minister of India ( )
  - (d) Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) ( )
6. Which committee or commission had recommended the Fundamental Duties?
  - (a) Kothari Commission ( )
  - (b) Swaran Singh Committee ( )
  - (c) Shah Commission ( )
  - (d) Sarkaria Commission ( )
7. Mizoram was formed by which Constitutional Amendment Act?
  - (a) 54<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act ( )
  - (b) 53<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act ( )
  - (c) 33<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act ( )
  - (d) 36<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act ( )
8. The only speaker to later get elected as the President of India
  - (a) G. V. Mavalankar ( )
  - (b) Dr Neelam Sanjiva Reddy ( )
  - (c) Zakir Hussain ( )
  - (d) Rajendra Prasad ( )
9. The structural and functional unit of kidney-
  - (a) Neurons ( )
  - (b) Nephrons ( )
  - (c) Alveolus ( )
  - (d) Villus ( )
10. Which of the following planets rotate fastest and slowest on its axis?
  - (a) Saturn, Mars ( )
  - (b) Venus, Jupiter ( )
  - (c) Mars, Earth ( )
  - (d) Jupiter, Venus ( )
11. Which among the following is also known as Horn Silver?
  - (a) Silver Chloride ( )
  - (b) Silver Iodide ( )
  - (c) Silver Nitrate ( )
  - (d) Zinc Oxide ( )



12. Biogas is a mixture of  
 (a) Propane, Methane, Nitrogen ( )  
 (b) Oxygen, Hydrogen, Nitrogen ( )  
 (e) Methane, Carbon Dioxide, Hydrogen ( )  
 (c) Ethane, Propane, Hydrogen ( )
13. The persistence of vision for the human eye is  
 (a)  $1/7^{\text{th}}$  of a second ( )  
 (b)  $1/9^{\text{th}}$  of a second ( )  
 (c)  $1/14^{\text{th}}$  of a second ( )  
 (d)  $1/16^{\text{th}}$  of a second ( )
14. Which of the following organisms do not require sunlight to live  
 (a) Chemosynthetic bacteria ( )  
 (b) Diatoms ( )  
 (c) Algae ( )  
 (d) Photosynthetic Bacteria ( )
15. The inner lining of stomach is protected by  
 (a) Bile ( )  
 (b) Gastrin ( )  
 (c) Mucosa ( )  
 (d) Hydrochloric acid ( )
16. Which temperature in Celcius scale is equal to 300 K (approx)  
 (a)  $35^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( )  
 (b)  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( )  
 (c)  $190^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( )  
 (d)  $323^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( )
17. Which comet appears after every 75-76 years?  
 (a) Comet NEOWISE ( )  
 (b) Swift-Tuttle Comet ( )  
 (c) Halley's comet ( )  
 (d) None of these ( )
18. Geomorphology is the study of  
 (a) Earth's atmosphere and weather patterns ( )  
 (b) Oil and natural gas analysis ( )  
 (c) Earth's interior and tectonic movements ( )  
 (d) Landforms and their evolution ( )
19. The nearest point of the Moon with respect to the earth is called  
 (a) Perigee ( )  
 (b) Aphelion ( )  
 (c) Apogee ( )  
 (d) Perihelion ( )
20. The longitudinal extent of India is between  
 (a)  $70^{\circ}10' \text{ E}$  and  $98^{\circ}30' \text{ E}$  ( )  
 (b)  $67^{\circ}8' \text{ E}$  -  $98^{\circ}52' \text{ E}$  ( )  
 (c)  $60^{\circ}15' \text{ E}$  and  $95^{\circ}30' \text{ E}$  ( )  
 (d)  $68^{\circ}7' \text{ E}$  -  $97^{\circ}25' \text{ E}$  ( )
21. Which of the following pair is a part of Trans Himalaya?  
 (a) Karakoram-Ladakh ( )  
 (b) Satpura-Mahadeo ( )  
 (c) Zaskar-Himadri ( )  
 (d) Aravalli-Rajmahal ( )
22. The excessive public spending by the government  
 (a) Decreases inflation ( )  
 (b) Increases inflation ( )  
 (c) Has no impact ( )  
 (d) None of these ( )
23. Currently, the Indian economy is ranked  
 (a) Sixth largest ( )  
 (b) Fourth largest ( )  
 (c) Second largest ( )  
 (d) Fifth largest ( )
24. The increase in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in any country leads to  
 (a) Appreciation of the local currency ( )  
 (b) Depreciation of the local currency ( )  
 (c) Neither depreciation nor appreciation of the local currency ( )  
 (d) None of these ( )
25. Consider the following statements and identify the correct statements.  
**A. Rise in indirect taxes leads to inflation**  
**B. Increase in indirect taxes comes under cost-push inflation**  
 (a) Only A is correct ( )  
 (b) Only B is correct ( )



- (c) Both A and B are correct ( )  
 (d) Both A and B are wrong ( )
26. SEBI (Security and Exchange Board of India) is a/an  
 (a) Advisory Body ( )  
 (b) Constitutional Body ( )  
 (c) Statutory Body ( )  
 (d) Regulatory Authority under RBI ( )
27. The new Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India is  
 (a) K Sunjay Murthy ( )  
 (b) Girish Chandra Murmu ( )  
 (c) Vinod Rai ( )  
 (d) Rajiv Mehrishi ( )
28. Who is termed as Indian Einstein?  
 (a) Charaka ( )  
 (b) Brahmagupta ( )  
 (c) Nagarjuna ( )  
 (d) Rajshekhar ( )
29. Harshacharita was written by  
 (a) Aryabhata ( )  
 (b) Banabhatta ( )  
 (c) Vatsyayana ( )  
 (d) Kalidasa ( )
30. The earliest coins in India were  
 (a) Punch marked coins ( )  
 (b) Silver Rupees of Sher Shah ( )  
 (c) Gupta gold coins ( )  
 (d) The coins of Satavahana rulers ( )
31. Which of the following is termed as Magna Carta of English language in India?  
 (a) Macaulay's Minute of 1835 ( )  
 (b) Charter Act 1813 ( )  
 (c) Wood's Despatch 1854 ( )  
 (d) None of these ( )
32. The Saka era began in the year  
 (a) 52 BC ( )  
 (b) 78 BC ( )  
 (c) 52 AD ( )  
 (d) 78 AD ( )

33. Recently, which state has secured first rank in Urban Government Index (UGI)?  
 (a) Maharashtra ( )  
 (b) Kerala ( )  
 (c) Odisha ( )  
 (d) Tamil Nadu ( )
34. The Lelte Awards was held in Mizoram in 2024 for the  
 (a) 33<sup>rd</sup> Time ( )  
 (b) 35<sup>th</sup> Time ( )  
 (c) 32<sup>nd</sup> Time ( )  
 (d) 34<sup>th</sup> Time ( )
35. The word of the year 2024 for Cambridge Dictionary is  
 (a) Hallucinate ( )  
 (b) Authentic ( )  
 (c) Perseverance ( )  
 (d) Manifest ( )
36. Which of the following is the watchdog for the capital market?  
 (a) RBI ( )  
 (b) IRDAI ( )  
 (c) SEBI ( )  
 (d) Ministry of Finance ( )
37. Where was the "India Bio-Energy & Tech Expo" 2024 inaugurated?  
 (a) Chennai ( )  
 (b) Bhopal ( )  
 (c) Gandhinagar ( )  
 (d) New Delhi ( )
38. Nishad Kumar won a silver medal in which event at the 2024 Paris Paralympics?  
 (a) Table Tennis ( )  
 (b) Wrestling ( )  
 (c) High Jump ( )  
 (d) Shooting ( )
39. "Ahaetulla longirostris" belongs to which species?  
 (a) Frog ( )  
 (b) Snake ( )  
 (c) Fish ( )  
 (d) Spider ( )



40. Recently, where was the world's first fast charging e-bus "Veera Mahasamrat" launched?
- (a) Hyderabad ( )  
 (b) Chennai ( )  
 (c) Bhopal ( )  
 (d) Bengaluru ( )
41. The first day of Chapchar Kut is also known as
- (a) Zupui Ni ( )  
 (b) Lusei VawkTalh Ni ( )  
 (c) Ralte Ni ( )  
 (d) Ei puarawmni ( )
42. Which order of hierarchy was present in the Mizo Society?
- (a) KhawnbawlUpa, Lal, Upa Min, Zalen ( )  
 (b) Lal, Upa Min, KhawnbawlUpa, Ramhual ( )  
 (c) Lal, KhawnbawlUpa, Ramhual, Zalen ( )  
 (d) KhawnbawlUpa, Lal, Ramhual, UpaMin ( )
43. Who is the author of *God's Miracle in Mizoram*?
- (a) Rev. Dr.Zairema ( )  
 (b) NE Parry ( )  
 (c) Joy Pachuau ( )  
 (d) T.H Lewin ( )
44. In which year was the Mizo Accord signed?
- (a) 1985 ( )  
 (b) 1984 ( )  
 (c) 1988 ( )  
 (d) 1986 ( )
45. The area of Mizoram is
- (a) 15780km<sup>2</sup> ( )  
 (b) 24087km<sup>2</sup> ( )  
 (c) 32870km<sup>2</sup> ( )  
 (d) 21087 km<sup>2</sup> ( )
46. The first Mizo to write an essay was
- (a) Lalthangfala Sailo ( )  
 (b) Kaphleia ( )  
 (c) Thanga ( )  
 (d) L.Biakliana ( )
47. The term "falak" means
- (a) A child whose father is not identified ( )  
 (b) A boy whose mother is not identified ( )  
 (c) A girl whose father is not identified ( )  
 (d) A girl whose mother is not identified ( )
48. The first newspaper published in Mizoram was
- (a) Mizo ChanchinLaisuih ( )  
 (b) Zoram Thupuan ( )  
 (c) Vanglaini ( )  
 (d) None of these ( )
49. How many Wards are there in the Lunglei Municipal Council (LMC)?
- (a) 15 ( )  
 (b) 11 ( )  
 (c) 19 ( )  
 (d) 21 ( )
50. What is the imaginary line that passes through Mizoram.
- (a) Tropic of Cancer ( )  
 (b) Equator ( )  
 (c) Tropic of Capricorn ( )  
 (d) None of these ( )



## GENERAL ENGLISH (50 marks)

**Directions (Question 1-3):** Choose the correct option for the following idioms:

1. *Hit the nail on the head*

- (a) To make a mistake ( )
- (b) Do or say something exactly right ( )
- (c) Keep something away ( )
- (d) To hit something really hard ( )

2. *Play it by ear*

- (a) Play something very carefully and precisely ( )
- (b) Decide or act spontaneously based on the situation ( )
- (c) To plan something carefully ( )
- (d) To play a musical instrument skillfully ( )

3. *Year in, Year out*

- (a) Something that only happens at the end of the year ( )
- (b) Something that happens for a short period of time ( )
- (c) Happening consistently every year ( )
- (d) The start of a new year ( )

**Directions (Question 4-5):** Choose the correct answer to transform the following sentences according to the instructions given in brackets:

4. *She treated me respectfully. (adjective)*

- (a) She respectfully treats me. ( )
- (b) She treats me with respect. ( )
- (c) She was respectful to me. ( )

5. *A great deal of research has been done on the Science project. (interrogative)*

- (a) Has the Science project undergone research?( )
- (b) Hasn't much research been done on the Science project ( )
- (c) The Science project is thoroughly researched, isn't it? ( )

**Directions (Question 6-8):** Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice

6. *Was the lamp not lighted by her?*

- (a) Was she not lighting the lamp? ( )
- (b) Did she light the lamp? ( )
- (c) Has she not lighted the lamp? ( )
- (d) Did she not light the lamp? ( )

7. *Who was being called out by you?*

- (a) Who were you calling out? ( )
- (b) Who are you calling out? ( )
- (c) Who have you called out? ( )
- (d) Who have you been calling out? ( )

**Directions (Questions 8-9):** Choose one word for the following.

8. *Something that doesn't have an obvious meaning, that is open to more than one interpretation.*

- (a) Enticing ( )
- (b) Ambiguous ( )
- (c) Superstition ( )
- (d) Parallel ( )

9. *Placing two things side by side for comparison/or context.*

- (a) Juxtaposition ( )
- (b) Paradox ( )
- (c) Elimination ( )
- (d) Synthesizing ( )

**Directions (Questions 10-12):** Identify the type of sentence/tense

10. *Run back home quick and grab me my jacket.*

- (a) Declarative Sentence ( )
- (b) Interrogative Sentence ( )
- (c) Imperative Sentence ( )
- (d) Complex Sentence ( )

11. *Would it be so hard to help out with the project?*

- (a) Continuous Sentence ( )
- (b) Interrogative Sentence ( )
- (c) Simple Perfect Sentence ( )
- (d) Compound Sentence ( )

12. *Alice Walker wrote The Colour Purple.*

- (a) Past Perfect Tense ( )
- (b) Present Indefinite Tense ( )
- (c) Past Indefinite tense ( )
- (d) Present Perfect Tense ( )



**Directions (Questions 13-15):** Choose the correct option from the following

13. He threw the ball      him. (preposition)

- (a) On ( )
- (b) At ( )
- (c) From ( )
- (d) In ( )

14. England has the best language schools.  
                     it has the worst weather.

- (a) On the other hand ( )
- (b) Nonetheless ( )
- (c) Therefore ( )
- (d) Yet ( )

15. Students may find it challenging to balance work and study.                      it is important to learn about time management.

- (a) Therefore ( )
- (b) Although ( )
- (c) Furthermore ( )
- (d) As a result ( )

**Directions (Questions 16-17):** Identify the Part of Speech of the underlined word

16. I will visit the hospital tomorrow.

- (a) Adverb ( )
- (b) Noun ( )
- (c) Adjective ( )
- (d) Clause ( )

17. She looked at herself in the mirror.

- (a) Adjective ( )
- (b) Verb ( )
- (c) Pronoun ( )
- (d) Noun ( )

**Directions (Questions 18-19):** Identify the error

18. Do you know the importance for clean water?

- (a) Do ( )
- (b) Know ( )
- (c) For ( )
- (d) No error ( )

19. Bread and butter is Marilyn's favourite breakfast.  
She eats it everyday. (Identify the error)

- (a) And butter ( )
- (b) Is ( )
- (c) Eats it ( )
- (d) No error ( )

**Directions (Questions 20-21):** (Choose the appropriate antonym)

20. *Baleful*

- (a) Hostile ( )
- (b) Harmless ( )
- (c) Exciting ( )
- (d) Dangerous ( )

21. *Rogue*

- (a) Playful ( )
- (b) Divergent ( )
- (c) Beloved ( )
- (d) Honest ( )

**Directions (Questions 22-23):** (Choose the appropriate synonym)

22. *Perjury*

- (a) Sincerity ( )
- (b) Frankness ( )
- (c) Integrity ( )
- (d) Falsehood ( )

23. *Altruistic*

- (a) Selfless ( )
- (b) Selfish ( )
- (c) Indifferent ( )
- (d) Greedy ( )

**Directions (Questions 24-25):** Identify the incorrect spelling

24. Identify the incorrect spelling

- (a) Insignificant ( )
- (b) Independant ( )
- (c) Imitation ( )
- (d) Information ( )

25. Identify the incorrect spelling

- (a) Ambition ( )
- (b) Acquittal ( )
- (c) Acquaintance ( )
- (d) Arrogance ( )



**PART B (50 marks)**

**ESSAY WRITING : 20 MARKS**

1. Write an essay on the topic on *A week without internet and technology*.

Or

*Mental Health Awareness and its importance in society. (To be answered in answer sheet)*

**ENGLISH COMPREHENSION : 30 MARKS**

2. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

It is strange that, according to his position in life, an extravagant man is admired or despised. A successful businessman does nothing to increase his popularity by being careful with his money. He is expected to display his success, to have a smart car, an expensive life, and to be lavish with his hospitality. If he is not so, he is considered mean and his reputation in business may even suffer in consequence. The paradox remains that if he had not been careful with his money in the first place, he would never have achieved his present wealth. Among the two income groups, a different set of values exists.

The young clerk who makes his wife a present of a new dress when he hasn't paid his house rent, is condemned as extravagant. Nothing in his life is considered more worthy than paying his bills. The ideal wife for such a man separates her housekeeping money into joyless little piles – so much for rent, food, and the children's shoes; she is able to face the milkman with equanimity and never knows the guilt of buying something she really cannot afford. As for myself, I fall into neither of these categories. If I have money to spare, I can be extravagant. But when, as is usually the case, I am hard up, then I am the meanest man imaginable.

- 1) In the writer's opinion, a successful businessman: (2)

- (a) Is more popular if he appears to be doing nothing. ( )
- (b) Should not bother about his popularity. ( )
- (c) Is expected to have expensive tastes. ( )
- (d) Must be extravagant before achieving success. ( )

- 2) The phrase "lavish with his hospitality" signifies (2)

- (a) Miserliness in dealing with his friends ( )
- (b) Considerateness in spending on guests and strangers ( )
- (c) Extravagance in entertaining guests ( )
- (d) Indifference in treating his friends and relatives ( )

- 3) The word paradox means: (2)

- (a) A statement based on facts ( )
- (b) That which brings out the inner meaning ( )
- (c) That which is contrary to received opinion ( )
- (d) Statement based on popular opinion ( )

- 4) Which of the following is the antonym for the word "applauded" in the passage (2)

- (a) Condemned ( )
- (b) Cherished ( )
- (c) Suppressed ( )
- (d) Decried ( )



5) Choose the word in the second part of the passage which has the same meaning as the word "composure".(2)

- (a) Condemned ( )
- (b) Equanimity ( )
- (c) Extravagant ( )
- (d) Joyless ( )

6) Choose the most suitable title for the passage. (2)

- (a) Extravagance leads to poverty ( )
- (b) Miserly Habits of the Poor ( )
- (c) Extravagance is always condemnable ( )
- (d) Extravagance in the life of the rich and the poor ( )

7) How does the attitude toward money differ between the successful businessman and the young clerk in the passage? (3)

*(To be answered in answer sheet)*

8) According to the passage, why is a successful businessman expected to display his success? (3)

*(To be answered in answer sheet)*

3. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Sun, while going on his daily rounds saw a princess and fell in love with her. Whenever he could slip away from the heavens, he would take human form and go down to the princess to spend some time with her. The Princess too became quite fond of him and would wait for him to come. One day, the Sun decided to send her a blood-red ruby as a token of his love for her. He put the gem in a silk bag, and calling a crow that was flying past, asked the bird to deliver the gem to his beloved. Crows had milky white feathers in those days and it was considered auspicious if a crow came anywhere near to you. So the Sun was pleased that he had found a crow to deliver the gem. As the crow sped through the sky with the silken bag, the aroma of food lured him. Looking down, the crow saw that a wedding feast was in progress, and was immediately distracted from its mission. Food was one thing it could never resist.

Alighting on a tree nearby, it hung the bag on a twig and went off to find some food. While the crow was feasting, a merchant passing by saw the bag on the tree, and knocked it down with a pole. When he opened the bag and saw its contents, he almost swooned in joy. Quickly pocketing the ruby, he filled the bag with dry cow dung that was lying there, and then deftly returned the bag to the branch. It was all done so quickly that the crow missed all the action. After having its fill, it flew up to the tree, picked up the bag and took it to the Princess. The Princess was in the garden when the crow gave her the bag. She took it eagerly knowing that it was from the Sun. But when she saw its contents, she reeled back in shock and anger. She believed that it was the Sun's way of telling her that he did not care for her. She flung the bag, went inside and never came out again. When the Sun found out, he was furious and turned his scorching gaze on the crow. Its feathers have been black ever since. The ruby fell out of the pocket of the man who stole it. Many have tried to dig it out ever since then. Many precious stones have been found in the process, making Myanmar one of the richest sources of rubies and sapphires. However, the ruby that the Sun sent to the Princess is yet to be found.



1) Choose the appropriate word from the passage which has the same meaning as “lucky”. (2)

- (a) Auspicious ( )
- (b) Pleased ( )
- (c) Reeled ( )
- (d) Deftly ( )

2) Choose an appropriate title for the passage: (2)

- (a) The Merchant and the Ruby ( )
- (b) The Depressed Princess ( )
- (c) The Sun and the Princess ( )
- (d) Myanmar and its rich minerals. ( )

3) Choose the appropriate antonym for the word “scorching” seen in the passage. (2)

- (a) Warm ( )
- (b) Composed ( )
- (c) Heated ( )
- (d) Cool ( )

4) How does the story explain the connection between the crow’s actions and the rich sources of rubies in Myanmar? (3)

*(To be answered in answer sheet)*

5) Why was the princess angry at the contents she found in the bag given to her? (3)

*(To be answered in answer sheet)*