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SUBJECT	MARK CARRIED BY EACH QUESTION / TOPIC	NO. OF CORRECT ANSWERS	MARKS OBTAINED
GK	2		
Gen. English	2		
Essay Writing	30		
English Comp.	20		
TOTAL			

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PART-A (MCQ - 150 MARKS)

All questions carry 2 marks each. Attempt all questions.

For Question No. 1 - 75, Put a tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the space given in each question.

If a candidate gives more than one answer to one question, it will be treated as wrong answer even if one of the given answers happens to be correct.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (100 MARKS)

1. According to the Mizoram budget estimate 2026-27, presented by Chief Minister Lalduhoma, the total fund allocation earmarked for the "Bana Kaih" (Handholding) farming policy was:
(a) Rs. 350 crore ()
(b) Rs. 130 crore ()
(c) Rs. 250 crore ()
(d) Rs. 330 crore ()
2. To strengthen public healthcare delivery, the upgraded version of the Mizoram Universal Health Care Scheme (MUHCS 2.0) was launched on 16 March 2026, and will come into effect from:
(a) 1st April, 2026 ()
(b) 21st April, 2026 ()
(c) 1st May, 2026 ()
(d) 25th March, 2026 ()
3. What is ISRO's first launch of 2026?
(a) PSLV-B62 mission deploying POS-N2 Anvesha satellite. ()
(b) PSLV-C65 mission deploying QOS-N3 Anvesha satellite. ()
(c) PSLV-C62 mission deploying EOS-N1 Anvesha satellite. ()
(d) PSLV-D62 mission deploying ROS-N4 Anvesha satellite. ()
4. What is the highest-grossing film of all time?
(a) Titanic ()
(b) Avatar ()
(c) Troy ()
(d) Pirates of the Caribbean ()
5. Which state has become first in India to adopt Uniform Civil Code (UCC) on 27 January 2025?
(a) Uttarakhand ()
(b) Madhya Pradesh ()
(c) Uttar Pradesh ()
(d) Gujarat ()

6. Which three states were granted full statehood on January 21, 1972?
- (a) Nagaland, Manipur, and Tripura ()
 - (b) **Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya** ()
 - (c) Assam, Manipur, and Tripura ()
 - (d) Sikkim, Meghalaya, and Tripura ()
7. WhatsApp was founded (invented) by:
- (a) Mark Zuckerberg and Sheryl Sanberg ()
 - (b) Larry Page and Sergey Brin ()
 - (c) **Jan Koum and Brian Acton** ()
 - (d) Elon Musk and Bill Steve ()
8. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of BRICS?
- (a) Brazil ()
 - (b) Russia ()
 - (c) India ()
 - (d) **Japan** ()
9. The mobile missile defence system developed by Israel to detect, intercept, and destroy rockets, artillery shells, and drones fired into its territory is known as:
- (a) **Iron Dome** ()
 - (b) Ground-Based Midcourse Defence (GMD) ()
 - (c) THAAD and Patriot missile system. ()
 - (d) Advanced S-500. ()
10. Human Development Index includes which dimension?
- (a) Military strength ()
 - (b) **Life expectancy** ()
 - (c) Export value ()
 - (d) Inflation ()
11. In the 2024 Paris Olympics, how many medals did India win?
- (a) 5 (1 silver, 4 bronze) ()
 - (b) **6 (1 silver, 5 bronze)** ()
 - (c) 7 (2 silver, 5 bronze) ()
 - (d) 8 (2 silver, 6 bronze) ()
12. Who is the current Chief of the Army Staff in India as of April 2026?
- (a) **General Upendra Dwivedi** ()
 - (b) General Bipin Rawat ()
 - (c) General Manoj Mukund Naravane ()
 - (d) General Manoj Pande ()
13. Lord Wellesley greatly extended the British dominion in India through which of the following policies?
- (a) Doctrine of Lapse ()
 - (b) **Subsidiary Alliance** ()
 - (c) Partitioning of Indian States ()
 - (d) Annexing the princely States ()

14. Who among the following Governor General of India is famous for Sati Reforms and suppression of human sacrifice?
- (a) **Lord William Bentinck** ()
 - (b) Lord Curzon ()
 - (c) Lord Rippon ()
 - (d) Lord Ellenborough ()
15. On which one of the following dates Jawahar Lal Nehru unfurl the tri- color national flag on the bank of the river Ravi as the clock struck the midnight ?
- (a) **31st December 1929** ()
 - (b) 26th January 1930 ()
 - (c) 31st December 1931 ()
 - (d) 26th January 1929 ()
16. Under which Article of the Indian Constitution is the President's Rule imposed in a state?
- (a) Article 350 ()
 - (b) Article 256 ()
 - (c) **Article 356** ()
 - (d) Article 156 ()
17. The Speaker's vote in the Lok Sabha is called:
- (a) **Casting Vote** ()
 - (b) Sound Vote ()
 - (c) Direct Vote ()
 - (d) Indirect Vote ()
18. Which one among the following has the power to regulate the right of citizenship in India?
- (a) The Union Cabinet ()
 - (b) **The Parliament** ()
 - (c) The Supreme Court ()
 - (d) The Law Commission ()
19. Who has the right to decide whether a bill is a money bill or not?
- (a) Chief Minister ()
 - (b) Speaker of the State Legislative Council ()
 - (c) **Speaker of State Legislative Assembly** ()
 - (d) Governor ()
20. What is the state capital of New York?
- (a) Cabany ()
 - (b) **Albany** ()
 - (c) Detroit ()
 - (d) Washington ()
21. Which state in India has the longest coastline?
- (a) Maharashtra ()
 - (b) Karela ()
 - (c) **Gujarat** ()
 - (d) Tamil Nadu ()

22. Jet streams blows:
- (a) **From west to east** ()
 - (b) From east to west ()
 - (c) From north to south ()
 - (d) From south to north ()
23. Which among the following rocks is highly resistant to weathering?
- (a) Feldspar ()
 - (b) Granite ()
 - (c) Igneous ()
 - (d) **Quartz** ()
24. Which is the only continent with land in all four hemispheres?
- (a) **Africa** ()
 - (b) Asia ()
 - (c) Europe ()
 - (d) Australia ()
25. The minimum forest cover necessary to maintain ecological balance is:
- (a) 53 % of the total land area ()
 - (b) 40 % of the total land area ()
 - (c) **33 % of the total land area** ()
 - (d) 25 % of the total land area ()
26. The Greater Himalayas is otherwise called as:
- (a) Kanchenjunga ()
 - (b) Nanda Devi ()
 - (c) **Himadri** ()
 - (d) Nanga Parbat ()
27. Which one of the following is the only floating National park in the world:
- (a) Meibul Kamlokchao National Park ()
 - (b) Shrirui National Park ()
 - (c) **Keibul Lamjao National Park** ()
 - (d) Zeilad National Park ()
28. An organism which can monitor air pollution is:
- (a) Algae ()
 - (b) Fungi ()
 - (c) Bacteria ()
 - (d) **Lichen** ()
29. The largest ecosystem of the earth is:
- (a) Biosphere ()
 - (b) **Hydrosphere** ()
 - (c) Lithosphere ()
 - (d) Biome ()

30. A monopolist will be able to maximize his profits when:
- (a) His output is maximum ()
 - (b) He charges a Higher price ()
 - (c) His average cost is minimum ()
 - (d) **His marginal cost is equal to the marginal revenue** ()
31. Mixed economy envisages:
- (a) **Co-existence of Private and Public sector** ()
 - (b) Co-existence of capitalist and labourer ()
 - (c) Co-existence of buyers and seller in the market ()
 - (d) Co-existence of developed agriculture and industry ()
32. The operating principal of a hydraulic press is:
- (a) **Pascal's principle** ()
 - (b) Archimedes principle ()
 - (c) Boyles principles ()
 - (d) Newton's law of gravitation ()
33. SI unit of temperature is:
- (a) **Kelvin** ()
 - (b) Celsius ()
 - (c) Fahrenheit ()
 - (d) Joule ()
34. Clear night are colder than cloudy night because of:
- (a) conduction ()
 - (b) condensation ()
 - (c) **radiation** ()
 - (d) insolation ()
35. What is the only flag that does not have four sides?
- (a) Burundi ()
 - (b) Maldives ()
 - (c) South Sudan ()
 - (d) **Nepal** ()
36. AIDS virus contain:
- (a) **Single stranded RNA** ()
 - (b) Double stranded RNA ()
 - (c) Single stranded DNA ()
 - (d) Double stranded DNA ()
37. Which country has the highest life expectancy as of 2026?
- (a) San Marino ()
 - (b) **Monaco** ()
 - (c) Japan ()
 - (d) Hong Kong ()

38. What is the powerhouse of the cell?
- (a) Parathyroid ()
 - (b) Cerebellum ()
 - (c) **Mitochondria** ()
 - (d) Spleen ()
39. National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed on which day in India?
- (a) May 19 ()
 - (b) May 20 ()
 - (c) **May 21** ()
 - (d) May 22 ()
40. What scientific theory proposed that Earth revolves around the sun?
- (a) Planetesimal Hypothesis ()
 - (b) Nebular Hypothesis ()
 - (c) Big Bang theory ()
 - (d) **Heliocentric theory** ()
41. In which state Kathakali dance is performed?
- (a) **Kerala** ()
 - (b) Tamil Nadu ()
 - (c) Karnataka ()
 - (d) Andhra Pradesh ()
42. The currency of Bhutan is:
- (a) Manat ()
 - (b) Taka ()
 - (c) **Ngultrum** ()
 - (d) Dirham ()
43. What is a word, phrase, number, or other sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward?
- (a) Synonyms ()
 - (b) Ventridrome ()
 - (c) Polandrome ()
 - (d) **Palindrome** ()
44. Who have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics 2025?
- (a) Paul Krugman, Milton Friedman, Ben Bernanke ()
 - (b) Ragnar Frisch, Jan Tinbergen ()
 - (c) Simon Johnson, James Robinson, Daron Acemoglu ()
 - (d) **Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, Peter Howitt** ()
45. Which animals are required to be killed in order to attain 'Ram lama Thangchhuah'?
- (a) Sele, Rulngan, Sakhi, Savawm, Sanghal, Sazuk, Saza ()
 - (b) Muvanlai, Sakei, Sakhi, Savawm, Sanghal, Sazuk, Sele ()
 - (c) **Muvanlai, Rulngan, Sakhi, Savawm, Sanghal, Sazuk, Sele** ()
 - (d) Tumpang sial, Rulngan, Sakhi, Savawm, Sanghal, Sazuk, Sai ()

46. What was the name of the missionary whom the Mizos called 'Pi Tei'?
- (a) **Gwen Rees Roberts** ()
 - (b) Gladys Mairs Evans ()
 - (c) Katie Hughes ()
 - (d) Gweyneth Parul Roberts ()
47. The first Mizo to receive the Padma Bhushan:
- (a) Anselm Sawihlira ()
 - (b) R. Nuchhungi ()
 - (c) James Dokhuma ()
 - (d) **Capt. L. Z Sailo** ()
48. According to the belief of the Mizo ancestors, when a person dies, from where does his/her soul depart?
- (a) From the mouth ()
 - (b) From the ear ()
 - (c) From the nose ()
 - (d) **From the top of the head** ()
49. Mizoram became union territory in:
- (a) 12 February 1972 ()
 - (b) 20 February 1972 ()
 - (c) **21 February 1972** ()
 - (d) 26 February 1972 ()
50. MAL book of the year 2007 titled 'Zofate zinkawngah zalenna mei a mit tur a ni lo' was written by:
- (a) C. Lalnunchanga ()
 - (b) **R. Zamawia** ()
 - (c) Capt. L.Z. Sailo ()
 - (d) Rev. Dr. Zairema ()

GENERAL ENGLISH (50 MARKS)

Direction (Question Nos. 51 – 75) : Choose the correct answer from the given options:

51. Dickens is famous as a novelist and _____ essayist.
- (a) a ()
 - (b) the ()
 - (c) **an** ()
 - (d) no article needed ()
52. Every boy and girl _____ in the class today.
- (a) **is present** ()
 - (b) are present ()
 - (c) were present ()
 - (d) have been present ()

53. Mother _____ busy cooking for the guests who are arriving in the evening.

- (a) was ()
- (b) **has been** ()
- (c) has ()
- (d) had been ()

54. Identify the parts of speech of the underlined word: "He expressed his thoughts quite clearly."

- (a) **Adverb** ()
- (b) Preposition ()
- (c) Conjunction ()
- (d) Adjective ()

55. Identify the parts of speech of the underlined word: "He told us all about the football match."

- (a) **Preposition** ()
- (b) Interjection ()
- (c) Adverb ()
- (d) Adjective ()

56. He's quite short, _____ his sister is tall.

- (a) whether ()
- (b) **whereas** ()
- (c) so that ()
- (d) wherever ()

57. Identify the sentence: "The brothers were told to come home before 6:00 p.m. but they failed."

- (a) Simple sentence ()
- (b) Complex sentence ()
- (c) **Compound sentence** ()
- (d) None of the above ()

58. Change the voice: "Trumpets are being blown by the soldiers to announce the victory."

- (a) The soldiers were blowing the trumpets to announce the victory ()
- (b) The soldiers blow the trumpets to announce the victory ()
- (c) The soldiers blew the trumpets to announce the victory ()
- (d) **The soldiers are blowing the trumpets to announce the victory** ()

59. Change the voice: *Someone has left the door open.*

- (a) **The door has been left open** ()
- (b) The door is left open ()
- (c) The door was left open ()
- (d) The door had been left open ()

60. Change to Indirect Speech: *She said, "Alas! I have failed."*

- (a) She exclaimed sadly that she failed ()
- (b) She exclaimed that she failed ()
- (c) She exclaimed sadly that I failed ()
- (d) **She exclaimed sadly that she had failed** ()

61. Choose the correct sentence:

- (a) She sings beautiful ()
- (b) She sings beauty ()
- (c) She sings beautifuller ()
- (d) **She sings beautifully** ()

62. Choose the correct phrase: 'The delay was _____ bad weather.'

- (a) for ()
- (b) **due to** ()
- (c) because ()
- (d) since ()

63. Choose the correct transformation of the given sentence. "**Linda was too lazy to run.**"

- (a) Linda can run but she is very lazy.
- (b) **Linda was so lazy that she would not run.**
- (c) She will not run because Linda is lazy.
- (d) Linda is lazy even for running.

64. Jasmine enjoys _____ fruits _____ vegetables. She dislikes both.

- (a) either, or ()
- (b) either, nor ()
- (c) neither, or ()
- (d) **neither, nor** ()

65. Identify the part of the sentence that contains an error: "She didn't went (A)/ to the party (B)/ because she was sick (C)."

- (a) (C) ()
- (b) (B) ()
- (c) **(A)** ()
- (d) No error ()

66. Identify the correctly spelt word:

- (a) Liason ()
- (b) Vacuum ()
- (c) **Accommodate** ()
- (d) Seperate ()

67. Choose the synonym of 'versatile'

- (a) Inadequate ()
- (b) Sturdy ()
- (c) Persevering ()
- (d) **Flexible** ()

68. Choose the antonym of 'alter'

- (a) **Preserve** ()
- (b) Revise ()
- (c) Adjust ()
- (d) Destroy ()

69. As poor as a church _____.
(a) Monk ()
(b) Door ()
(c) **Mouse** ()
(d) Bell ()
70. Complete the sentence: "*These excuses are as old as the* _____."
(a) **Hills** ()
(b) Trees ()
(c) Clouds ()
(d) Wind ()
71. Pick the plural form of an ox:
(a) oxes ()
(b) oxses ()
(c) oxeses ()
(d) **oxen** ()
72. The word 'regicide' means:
(a) **Murder of a king/queen** ()
(b) Murder of an infant ()
(c) Murder of one's grandparents ()
(d) Murder of one's parents ()
73. A polyglot is someone who _____.
(a) is equally skilled in using both their left and right hands ()
(b) who can translate ancient hieroglyphs from lost civilizations ()
(c) **understands and speaks many languages** ()
(d) who studies the history of language ()
74. The idiom 'To smell a rat' means:
(a) To see signs of an epidemic ()
(b) To be in a bad mood ()
(c) **To suspect foul dealings** ()
(d) To meet with disaster ()
75. The idiom 'To be above board' means:
(a) To excite great applause ()
(b) **To be honest in any business or legal deal** ()
(c) To have no debts ()
(d) To be in a good mood ()

PART-B (CONVENTIONAL TYPES - 50 MARKS)

This Part should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics.

(30)

- (a) Economic Development and Employment Opportunities.
- (b) The Changing Role of Women in Mizo Society.
- (c) The Healthcare System in Mizoram.
- (d) Social Media and Its Influence on Societal Values

2. Read the following passages and answer the questions that follows:

Planning and preparation are important parts of success in life. Before starting any work, it is helpful to think carefully about what needs to be done. Planning means making a clear idea or outline of the steps required to achieve a goal. Preparation means getting everything ready before taking action. Together, they help us work in a smooth and organized way.

When we plan well, we can use our time wisely. We can avoid confusion and reduce mistakes. For example, a student who plans a study schedule before exams can cover all subjects properly and feel less stressed. In the same way, a person who prepares for a journey by packing essentials and checking details will have a more comfortable trip.

Planning also helps us set priorities. We can decide what is most important and focus on that first. Preparation builds confidence because we feel ready to face challenges. It also saves effort, as we do not have to rush at the last moment.

However, planning should be flexible. Sometimes things do not go as expected, so we should be ready to adjust our plans. Good preparation and thoughtful planning help us stay calm and make better decisions.

In conclusion, planning and preparation are key to achieving success. They make our work easier, save time, and help us reach our goals in a better and more efficient way.

- (a) What does planning and preparation mean? (3)
- (b) How does planning help students during exams? (2)
- (c) Why does preparation build confidence? (2)
- (d) Why should planning be flexible? (2)
- (e) How does planning and preparation lead to success? (3)
- (f) Find words in the passage which convey similar meanings: (3 x 2 = 6)
 - (i) feeling sure of yourself or your abilities
 - (ii) a thing that is absolutely necessary
 - (iii) moving urgently / hastily
- (g) Suggest a suitable title for the above passage. (2)
 - (i) The importance of Planning and Preparation,
 - (ii) How Planning and Preparation Lead to Success,
 - (iii) Why Planning and Preparation Matter,
 - (iv) The Habit of Planning and Preparation etc...

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