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SUBJECT	MARK CARRIED BY EACH QUESTION / TOPIC	NO. OF CORRECT ANSWERS	NO. OF WRONG ANSWERS	MARKS OBTAINED
GK	2			
Gen. English	2			
Essay Writing	20	N.A.	N.A.	
English Comp.	30	N.A.	N.A.	
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PART-A (MCQ - 150 MARKS)

All questions carry equal mark of 2 each. Attempt all questions.

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

Notes regarding Negative Marking :

(i) *There will be penalty (negative marking) for every wrong answer given by a candidate in the MCQ type questions.*

(ii) *For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one-third of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.*

(iii) *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 and there will be same penalty as above for that question.*

(iv) *If any questions is left blank i.e. no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.*

General Knowledge (100 Marks)

1. The 2026 FIFA World Cup (Men's Senior Tournament) will be hosted by:
   (a) USA only ( )
   (b) USA, Mexico & Canada ( )
   (c) USA & Canada ( )
   (d) Mexico & USA ( )

2. Who is the new Deputy Chief Minister of Maharastra after the demise of Ajit Pawar?
   (a) Sharad Pawar ( )
   (b) Shashikant Shinde ( )
   (c) Sunetra Pawar ( )
   (d) Sunil Tatkare ( )

3. Which Province of Pakistan was currently in the news for attacks on Govt installations?
   (a) Punjab Province ( )
   (b) Sindh Province ( )
   (c) Balochistan Province ( )
   (d) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province ( )

4. Which National Highway (NH) is the primary lifeline connecting Mizoram with the rest of India?
   (a) NH 54 ( )
   (b) NH 306 ( )
   (c) NH 40 ( )
   (d) NH 102 ( )

5. India celebrates 'National Youth Day' every year on 12th January to mark the birth anniversary of:
   (a) Bhagat Singh ( )
   (b) Subhas Chandra Bose ( )
   (c) Swami Vivekananda ( )
   (d) Raja Ram Mohan Roy ( )

6. What is the primary role of the *'International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'* in the context of global environmental governance?
   (a) Managing the national parks of every sovereign nation ( )
   (b) Provide a scientific foundation for conservation and sustainable development ( )
   (c) Finding the construction of large-scale renewable energy plants ( )
   (d) Enforcing international environmental laws ( )

7. The Ramsar Convention is an inter-governmental treaty that provides the framework for the conservation of which specific ecosystem?
   (a) Wetlands ( )
   (b) Coral Reefs and Deep Oceans ( )
   (c) Arid and Semi-arid lands ( )
   (d) Tropical Rainforests ( )

8. In what profession is nitrous oxide mainly used?
   (a) Culinary Arts ( )
   (b) Automotive Racing ( )
   (c) Dentistry and Medicine ( )
   (d) Chemical Manufacturing ( )

9. Who was the last ruler of the Mauryan Dynasty?
   (a) Brihadratha ( )
   (b) Kunala ( )
   (c) Samprati ( )
   (d) Dasharatha ( )

10. The Battle of Panipat (1526) marked the end of which Sultanate dynasty?
   (a) Lodi Dynasty ( )
   (b) Slave Dynasty ( )
   (c) Sayyid Dynasty ( )
   (d) Tughluq Dynasty ( )

11. Which of the following words was Not inserted in the Preamble of the Indian constitution by the 42nd Constitutional amendment Act, 1976?
   (a) Socialist ( )
   (b) Secular ( )
   (c) Integrity ( )
   (d) Dignity ( )

12. Which Article of the Indian Constitution empowers the President to impose 'President's Rule' in a state due to the failure of constitutional machinery?
   (a) Article 352 ( )
   (b) Article 360 ( )
   (c) Article 350 ( )
   (d) Article 356 ( )

13. Which of the following is not the name of a bird found in Mizoram?
    (a) Bullut ( )
    (b) Bulfek ( )
    (c) Buttut ( )
    (d) Bemkawng. ( )

14. Which of the following Mizo Writers was awarded with Mizo Award 2025 on December 11, 2025?
    (a) Dr. Laltluangliana Khiangte ( )
    (b) Dr. R.L Thanmawia ( )
    (c) Dr. Lalrammawia Ngente ( )
    (d) Dr. B. Lalthangliana ( )

15. NITI Aayog replaced which of the following organization?
    (a) Finance Commission ( )
    (b) Planning Commission ( )
    (c) RBI ( )
    (d) SEBI ( )

16. Mizoram University (MZU) was established in which year?
    (a) 1986 ( )
    (b) 2001 ( )
    (c) 1995 ( )
    (d) 1978 ( )

17. The 'Golden Revolution' in India is associated with the production of:
    (a) Oilseeds ( )
    (b) Pulses ( )
    (c) Wheat ( )
    (d) Horticulture and Honey ( )

18. What is the primary objective of altering the Repo Rate by RBI?
    (a) To increase government tax revenue ( )
    (b) To control inflation and liquidity ( )
    (c) To promote export of luxury goods ( )
    (d) To decrease the value of the Rupee ( )

19. Which Indian state has the longest coastline?
    (a) Andra Pradesh ( )
    (b) Tamil Nadu ( )
    (c) Gujarat ( )
    (d) Maharashtra ( )

20. Custom duty is a type of :
    (a) Direct Tax ( )
    (b) Indirect Tax ( )
    (c) Toll Tax ( )
    (d) Excise duty ( )

21. Which is the highest peak in the Western Ghats?
    (a) Mahendragiri ( )
    (b) Anamudi ( )
    (c) Doda Betta ( )
    (d) Kalsubai ( )

22. Who is the ex-officio chairman of the NITI Aayog?
    (a) President of India ( )
    (b) Finance Minister ( )
    (c) Prime Minister ( )
    (d) Vice- President of India ( )

23. What is the chemical name of vinegar?
    (a) Citric acid ( )
    (b) Acetic acid ( )
    (c) Lactic acid ( )
    (d) Tartaric acid ( )

24. Which is the only internal organ in human body capable of regenerating itself?
    (a) Heart ( )
    (b) Pancreas ( )
    (c) Kidney ( )
    (d) Liver ( )

25. Which Article of the Indian constitution empowers the President to appoint the Prime Minister of India?
    (a) Article 74 ( )
    (b) Article 75 ( )
    (c) Article 76 ( )
    (d) Article 77 ( )

26. What is the name of the newspaper formally recognized as the first Mizo Newspaper?
    (a) Mizo Messenger ( )
    (b) Mizo leh Vai Chanchinbu ( )
    (c) Mizo Chanchin ( )
    (d) Mizo Chanchin Laisuih ( )

27. India is set to lead which major international grouping as the chair in 2026?
    (a) G20 ( )
    (b) ASEAN ( )
    (c) BRICS ( )
    (d) European Union ( )

28. Railway reached Mizoram in how many years after Indian Railways was launched?
    (a) 172 years ( )
    (b) 168 years ( )
    (c) 178 years ( )
    (d) 150 years ( )

29. What is the current maximum grand-in-aid amount available under the 'Chief Minister's Special Category'(phase-II) of the Bana Kaih Scheme?
    (a) Rs. 10,000 ( )
    (b) Rs. 50,000 ( )
    (c) Rs. 1 lakh ( )
    (d) Rs. 5 Lakh ( )

30. The current Vice- President of India is:
    (a) Shri C.P Radhakrishnan ( )
    (b) Shri Gyannesh Kumar ( )
    (c) Shri K. Sanjay Murthy ( )
    (d) Shri V.K Singh ( )

31. Which of the following Mizo puan has a G.I tag?
    (a) Mizo Puanchei ( )
    (b) Hmaram ( )
    (c) Ngotekherh ( )
    (d) All of these ( )

32. Which Gupta ruler of ancient India is famously known as the 'Napoleon of India' due to his military genius?
    (a) Kumaragupta I ( )
    (b) Skandagupta ( )
    (c) Samudragupta ( )
    (d) Chandragupta I ( )

33. Who was the Mughal Emperor during the visit of the first English ambassadors, Capt. Williams Hawkins and Sir Thomas Roe?
    (a) Shah Jahan ( )
    (b) Aurangzeb ( )
    (c) Jahangir ( )
    (d) Akbar ( )

34. In which year did the Dandi March, marking the beginning of the Civil disobedience Movement, take place?
    (a) 1930 ( )
    (b) 1928 ( )
    (c) 1919 ( )
    (d) 1942 ( )

35. Who is known as the 'Architect of the Indian Atomic Energy Programme?
    (a) A.P.J Abdul Kalam ( )
    (b) Satish Dhawan ( )
    (c) Homi J. Bhabha ( )
    (d) Vikram Sarabhai ( )

36. Who acts as the President of India when neither the President nor the Vice-President is available?
(a) The Prime Minister ( )
(b) The Speaker of Lok Sabha ( )
(c) The Chief Justice of India ( )
(d) The Attorney General of India ( )

37. On which subject did the Second Five Year Plan focussed?
(a) Agriculture and Village development ( )
(b) Infrastructure ( )
(c) Heavy industries ( )
(d) Education ( )

38. In which year was the 'Village Council' system introduced in Mizoram, replacing traditional rule of Chiefs?
(a) 1954 ( )
(b) 1972 ( )
(c) 1952 ( )
(d) 1956 ( )

39. The 'Zojila' Pass connects which of the following?
(a) Sikkim and Tibet ( )
(b) Shimla and Tibet ( )
(c) Srinagar and Leh ( )
(d) Arunachal Pradesh and Lhasa ( )

40. The deficiency of which vitamin causes Night Blindness?
(a) Vitamin B12 ( )
(b) Vitamin K ( )
(c) Vitamin C ( )
(d) Vitamin A ( )

41. Plants convert energy from sunlight into food stored as carbohydrates. This process is called:
(a) Metabolism ( )
(b) Transpiration ( )
(c) Respiration ( )
(d) Photosynthesis ( )

42. Which metal is the best conductor of electricity?
(a) Gold ( )
(b) Silver ( )
(c) Aluminium ( )
(d) Copper ( )

43. Which Indian state is the largest producer of bauxite?
(a) Gujarat ( )
(b) Odisha ( )
(c) Jharkhand ( )
(d) Rajasthan ( )

44. The constellation of stars 'Orion' is known in Mizo as:
    (a) Khingte Zawng zim ( )
    (b) Dingdi Puantah ( )
    (c) Zangkhua ( )
    (d) Chhohreivung ( )

45. For which novel did David Szalay win the 2025 Booker Prize for Fiction?
    (a) The land in Winter ( )
    (b) All That Man Is ( )
    (c) Flesh ( )
    (d) Heart Lamp ( )

46. Who is the recipient of the Padma Shri award from Mizoram in the year 2024?
    (a) R. Lalrawna ( )
    (b) Sangthankima ( )
    (c) B. Sangkhumi ( )
    (d) K.C. Runremsangi ( )

47. Which Indian ministry is the nodal agency for the implementation of the *Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project*?
    (a) Ministry of DONER ( )
    (b) Ministry of Home Affairs ( )
    (c) Ministry of Shipping ( )
    (d) Ministry of External Affairs ( )

48. Which mountain ranges separates North India from Deccan Plateau?
    (a) The Aravalli Range ( )
    (b) The Western Ghats ( )
    (c) The Satpura and Vindhya Ranges ( )
    (d) The Himalayas ( )

49. In which state is the 'Manjuli' island, the world's largest river island, located?
    (a) Assam ( )
    (b) West Bengal ( )
    (c) Utter Pradesh ( )
    (d) Odhisha ( )

50. What is the pH value of pure water at room temperature?
    (a) 7 ( )
    (b) 14 ( )
    (c) 0 ( )
    (d) 5.6 ( )

General English (50 Marks)

Direction (Question Nos 51 – 67) : Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate alternative given bellow each question.

51. Scarcely had he gone out_____ it began to rain.

(a) than ( )
(b) when ( )
(c) then ( )
(d) while ( )

52. The Minister departed Aizawl_____ New Delhi.

(a) for ( )
(b) to ( )
(c) over ( )
(d) off ( )

53. The boy, along with his parents, _____ gone to the park.

(a) have ( )
(b) has ( )
(c) are ( )
(d) were ( )

54. It is time we _____ the work.

(a) start ( )
(b) shall start ( )
(c) started ( )
(d) have started ( )

55. None of the food _____ wasted.

(a) were ( )
(b) was ( )
(c) are ( )
(d) have been ( )

56. If he _____ harder, he would have passed the exam.

(a) worked ( )
(b) had worked ( )
(c) has worked ( )
(d) would work ( )

57. You _____ not light a match; the room is full of gas.

(a) must ( )
(b) need ( )
(c) dare ( )
(d) can ( )

58. Unless you _____ hard, you will not succeed.
   (a) will work ( )
   (b) do not work ( )
   (c) work ( )
   (d) worked ( )

59. I _____ rather die than beg.
   (a) could ( )
   (b) should ( )
   (c) would ( )
   (d) will ( )

60. I look forward to _____ you soon.
   (a) meet ( )
   (b) meeting ( )
   (c) have met ( )
   (d) met ( )

61. The cattle _____ grazing in the field.
   (a) is ( )
   (b) are ( )
   (c) was ( )
   (d) has been ( )

62. Each of the suspected men _____ arrested.
   (a) was ( )
   (b) were ( )
   (c) are ( )
   (d) have been ( )

63. He behaves as if he _____ a king.
   (a) is ( )
   (b) was ( )
   (c) were ( )
   (d) has been ( )

64. The meeting was _____ due to lack of quorum.
   (a) put off ( )
   (b) called off ( )
   (c) put out ( )
   (d) called up ( )

65. He is *'a chip off the old block'* means:
   (a) He is a carpenter ( )
   (b) He resembles his father ( )
   (c) He is old ( )
   (d) He is clumsy ( )

66. Choose the correct Antonym of *'Ephemeral'*:

(a) Short-lived ( )
(b) Eternal ( )
(c) Transient ( )
(d) Mortal ( )

67. Choose the correct synonym of *'Restraint'*:

(a) Freedom ( )
(b) Obstacle ( )
(c) Control ( )
(d) Limit ( )

Directions (Questions Nos. 68 – 70): Pick out the error in each sentence given below.

68. One of the (A) / most important feature (B) / of this app (C) / is speed (D).

(a) A ( )
(b) B ( )
(c) C ( )
(d) D ( )

69. I have (A)/ no any (B) / money (C) /with me (D).

(a) A ( )
(b) B ( )
(c) C ( )
(d) D ( )

70. Suppose if (A) / it rains (B) / what shall (C) / we do? (D)

(a) A ( )
(b) B ( )
(c) C ( )
(d) D ( )

Directions (Questions Nos 71 – 75): Transform the sentences given below as directed.

71. He said, "Bravo! You have done well." (*Change to Indirect Speech*)

(a) He told him that he had done well. ( )
(b) He exclaimed with joy that he had done well. ( )
(c) He applauded him, saying that he had done well ( )
(d) He said Bravo that he had done well. ( )

72. Who wrote this book? (*Change to Passive*)

(a) By whom was this book written? ( )
(b) By whom this book was written ( )
(c) Whom was this book written by? ( )
(d) This book was written by whom? ( )

73. Select the correctly spelt word:

(a) **Questionnaire** ( )
(b) Questionaire ( )
(c) Questionnary ( )
(d) Quesssionnaire ( )

74. 'To be at daggers drawn" means:

(a) To be very friendly ( )
(b) To be bitterly hostile ( )
(c) To be at peace ( )
(d) To be confused ( )

75. A person who is indifferent to pleasure and pain:

(a) Stoic ( )
(b) Epicurean ( )
(c) Sadist ( )
(d) Psychopath ( )

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.

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics: **(20)**

(a) The Role of YMA
(b) Festivals of Mizoram
(c) Aizawl Traffic(vehicles) Problems
(d) Importance of Tourism Development in Mizoram

Direction (Question Nos. 2 - 8) : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

In many busy cities, people are finding a new way to connect with nature and their neighbors: community gardens. These are small pieces of land where local residents work together to grow vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Instead of a single person owning the land, the space is shared by everyone in the neighborhood. These gardens are transforming empty, dusty lots into colorful green spaces that benefit both the environment and the people living nearby.

One of the greatest benefits of a community garden is the access to fresh, healthy food. In some urban areas, it is difficult to find affordable organic vegetables at local grocery stores. By growing their own tomatoes, carrots, and herbs, families can improve their diets while saving money. Additionally, gardening is a great form of physical exercise. Digging, planting, and weeding keep the body active and help reduce stress after a long day at school or work.

Beyond health, these gardens play a vital role in building a strong community. In a world where people often spend a lot of time behind screens, gardens provide a reason to go outside and talk to others. Older residents often teach younger children how to care for plants, passing down valuable

knowledge. People from different cultures and backgrounds meet while watering their plots, sharing recipes and stories. This creates a sense of belonging and safety within the neighborhood.

Environmentally, community gardens are very important. They help reduce "heat islands" in cities, where concrete buildings and roads make the air much hotter. Plants and trees naturally cool the air and provide a home for birds, bees, and butterflies. Furthermore, these gardens help manage rainwater, preventing it from flooding the streets during heavy storms.

Starting a community garden requires teamwork and patience. It begins with clearing trash, testing the soil, and organizing a group of volunteers. While it takes hard work to maintain, the rewards are worth it. A community garden is more than just a place to grow food; it is a place where friendships grow, and the earth is cared for.

Questions:

2. Based on the passage, what is a community garden and how does it differ from a private garden? **(3)**
3. Explain two ways that participating in a community garden can improve a person's physical and mental health. **(3)**
4. Why are community gardens particularly important for people living in urban areas with limited grocery options? **(3)**
5. How do community gardens help bridge the gap between different generations and cultures? **(3)**
6. Describe two environmental benefits of having green spaces like gardens in a city filled with concrete. **(3)**
7. According to the text, what are the initial steps and challenges involved in starting a new community garden? **(3)**
8. Find the synonym of the words given below from the passage above: **(6×2=12)**
   (a) Help (benefit)
   (b) Inexpensive (affordable)
   (c) Precious (valuable)
   (d) Harden (concrete)
   (e) Collaboration (teamwork)
   (f) Junk (trash)

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