

Sikkim Public Service Commission

Main Written Examination for the Post of Lower Division Clerk

General English, General Awareness

&

Basic Computer Knowledge

Time Allowed : 2 1½ Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 135

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5. **This Test Booklet contains 110 items (questions) in MCQ Mode to be marked in OMR Sheet and 2 Questions (Question No 111 & 112) which has to answered in separate answer sheet provided.**
6. **All items from 1 to 110 carries 1 marks each.**
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GENERAL ENGLISH

Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x7=7 marks)

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

1. The Curies' _____ collaboration helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.
 - A. friendly
 - B. competitive
 - C. courteous
 - D. industrious

2. Marie had a bright mind and a _____ personality.
 - A. Strong
 - B. Lighthearted
 - C. Humorous
 - D. Strange

3. When she learned that she could not attend the university in Warsaw, she felt _____.
 - A. hopeless
 - B. annoyed
 - C. depressed
 - D. None of the above

4. Marie _____ by leaving Poland and traveling to France to enter the Sorbonne.
 - A. challenged authority
 - B. showed intelligence
 - C. behaved
 - D. was distressed

5. _____ she remembered their joy together.
 - A. Dejectedly
 - B. Worried
 - C. Tearfully
 - D. Happily

6. Her _____ began to fade when she returned to the Sorbonne to succeed her husband.
 - A. misfortune
 - B. anger
 - C. wretchedness
 - D. disappointment

7. Even though she became fatally ill from working with radium, Marie Curie was never _____.
- A. troubled
 - B. worried
 - C. disappointed
 - D. disturbed

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x5=5 marks)

Many of the poor, young lads who until not too long ago used to sell such odd items as “agarbatti’s” and wiper duster’s on New Delhi’s many traffic intersections have now shifted to selling small contraptions to be put on the nose in order to reduce the intake of smoke emitted by the vehicles. This, in a sense, must be a sign of the things to come in this overcrowding metropolis.

The air pollutions levels in Delhi are the worst at traffic light crossings. It is not only due to the increasing number of vehicles in the city, but also because the drivers keep the engines running even while waiting for the lights to change. This is an unnecessary generation of air pollution and an avoidable wastage of precious fuel. It is typical of the drivers in the capital that they are ever so eager to advance even by a couple of inches while waiting for a traffic jam to get sorted. In fact it should be the job of the traffic police to direct the waiting vehicles in different streams to switch off the engines. For only one stream can have right of way at a time. Some of the driver’s even make the rush hour traffic snarls worse by their habit of forward inching.

The attendants at petrol stations often in a tearing hurry to move with their dripping hose nozzles from one vehicle to another are yet another source of fuel wastage. But who cares so long as it is the customer who pays.

8. The poor young lads are selling pollution mask because _____
- A. Nobody buys agarbatti’s any longer
 - B. Wiper duster’s are costly
 - C. Pollution has increased a lot
 - D. It is very important from health point of view

9. Air pollution is worst at traffic lights because of the _____
- A. Increasing number of vehicles
 - B. Running engines at red light
 - C. Habit of inching forward
 - D. All of the above
10. The selling of pollution mask proves that Delhi is
- A. An overcrowded city
 - B. Unsafe to live in
 - C. The most polluted city in the world
 - D. A city where people are very health conscious
11. The attendant's of petrol station cause fuel wastage by ____
- A. Running from one vehicle to another
 - B. Quickly changing the hose nozzle from one vehicle to another
 - C. Dripping the fuel
 - D. Moving with their dripping hose nozzles from vehicle to vehicle
12. The author especially refers to crossroads because
- A. These do not matter in other places
 - B. These are the worst polluted
 - C. These have the maximum traffic jams
 - D. These are the most crowded

Directions questions 13 to 22: Identify the word or phrase that needs to be removed from the sentence to make it grammatically correct. (1x10=10 Marks)

- 13 He called me as a fool.
- A called
 - B as
 - C a
 - D me
- 14 This is the house where Jack was born in.
- A where
 - B was
 - C in
 - D is

15 I have visited them a couple of times during my stay in Mexico.

- A have
- B couple
- C of
- D my

16 I live half of a mile from here.

- A half
- B of
- C a
- D from

17 I don't think so that I will have time.

- A so
- B that
- C will
- D I

18 Despite of having a headache I enjoyed the film.

- A despite
- B of
- C having
- D a

19 He asked to her why she was angry.

- A to
- B why
- C was
- D she

20 He was very kind enough to invite me.

- A very
- B enough
- C to
- D was

21 I have bought a chicken in case of Peter stays to lunch.

- A in case
- B of
- C to
- D have

22 I want to know as to why I have been detained.

- A as to
- B why
- C been
- D to

Directions Question 23 to 27: Which word best expresses the meaning of the words given below. Choose the correct meaning out of the four options given (synonym)

23 Barbarian

- A Unkind
- B Impolite
- C Uncivilized
- D Rude

24 Zenith

- A Top
- B Pinnacle
- C Above
- D Middle

25 Fallacy

- A Truth
- B Advertisement
- C Advantage
- D False belief

26 Palatable

- A Spicy
- B Edible
- C Pleasant
- D Favorable

27 Substantiate

- A Conclude
- B Uncover
- C Show
- D Prove

Directions Question 28 to 32: Choose the word which is the opposite in meaning to the words given below. Choose the words from the four options given.

28 Embrace

- A Disobey
- B Contradict
- C Reject
- D Obscure

29 Coercive

- A Progressive
- B Promoting
- C Opinionated
- D Gentle

30 Precise

- A Inexact
- B Correct
- C Definite
- D Accurate

31 Idle

- A Lazy
- B Busy
- C Careless
- D Careful

32 Valiant

- A Courageous
- B Big
- C Cowardly
- D Fearless

Directions Question 33 to 37: Given below are Phrasal Idioms. Choose the correct meaning from the options given below

33 Lions share

- A Look angrily
- B Major share
- C Prey
- D Minor share

34 To cry wolf

- A To refer to
- B To emphasize
- C To have no result
- D To give false alarm

35 To end in smoke

- A To come to nothing
- B To gain importance
- C To praise oneself
- D To reach target

36 At daggers drawn

- A Real cause
- B To be puzzled
- C At enmity
- D At friendship

37 Gift of the gab

- A Good conversationist
- B Gifted
- C Chatterbox
- D Extrovert

Directions Question 38 to 52: Fill in the blanks with the correct verbs from the options to complete the sentences

38 He _____ the marathon for the first time in 2009

- A Has run
- B Ran
- C Is running
- D Runs

39 She's shocked because she _____ a terrible accident

- A Is going to see
- B Sees
- C Saw
- D Has seen

40 "Please be quiet!" The baby _____

- A Has slept
- B Sleeps
- C Is sleeping
- D Slept

41 For dinner last night we _____ momos and noodles

- A Have had
- B Had
- C Are having
- D Will have

42 "Speak up!" I can't hear you because your dog _____ too much noise

- A Makes
- B Has made
- C Made
- D Is making

43 I _____ English tea. Is it good?

- A 've never drunk
- B Am drinking
- C Have drunk
- D Drink

- 44 We _____ Mrs. Ganesha when we were in Delhi
- A are meeting
 - B will meet
 - C have met
 - D met
- 45 My father _____ at the bank for 10 years. He really likes his job
- A Is working
 - B Worked
 - C Was working
 - D Has worked
- 46 My grandfather, who dies last year, was an author. He _____ many books
- A Writes
 - B Wrote
 - C Has written
 - D Was writing
- 47 My mother _____ 60 years old next Saturday
- A Will have been
 - B Will be
 - C Is
 - D Has been
- 48 Two children and one adult _____ in a landslide
- A Died
 - B Has died
 - C Are dying
 - D Had died
- 49 I _____ very well since I brought a new bed. I don't find it comfortable.
- A Was sleeping
 - B Didn't sleep
 - C Haven't sleep
 - D Haven't slept

50 They _____ their new car two weeks ago

- A Bought
- B Have bought
- C Buy
- D Will buy

51 He occasionally _____ a headache in the morning

- A Has
- B Had
- C Have
- D Is having

52 I _____ all the requirements for the job

- A Am meeting
- B Meet
- C Have met
- D Will meet

In the following question a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.

53 Who ate the last pastry?

- A The last pastry was eaten by whom?
- B The last pastry was eaten by who?
- C The last pastry had been eaten by who?
- D The last pastry has been eaten by whom

Directions Question 54 to 57: In the following question a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

54 The professor said to the students, "Do not make a noise."

- A The professor forbade the students from making a noise
- B The professor told his students not to make a noise
- C The professor forbade the students saying they should not be making a noise
- D The professor tells the students not to make a noise

55 Vicky said, "Please say nothing about this,"

- A Vicky asked her not to say anything about this.
- B Vicky asked her that she should not to say anything about that.
- C Vicky asked her to say nothing about that.
- D Vicky asked her that she say nothing about that.

56 Hemant asked me, "Did you see the Cricket match on television last night?"

- A Hemant asked me whether I saw the Cricket match on television the earlier night.
- B Hemant asked me whether I had seen the Cricket match on television the earlier night.
- C Hemant asked me did I see the Cricket match on television the last night.
- D Hemant asked me whether I had seen the Cricket match on television the last night.

57 I said to him, "Why are you working so hard?"

- A I asked him why he was working so hard.
- B I asked him why was he working so hard.
- C I asked him why had he been working so hard.
- D I asked him why he had been working so hard.

Directions Question 58 & 59: In the following question, sentence given with blank is to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative.

58 My parents will _____ my car if I get another speeding ticket.

- A Capture
- B Grab
- C Confiscate
- D Mob

59 Man who has committed such an _____ crime must get the most severe punishment.

- A injurious
- B uncharitable
- C Unworthy
- D Abominable

60 Select the word with the correct spelling

- A Scrooges
- B Slipery
- C Solittude
- D Chilrs

General Awareness

61 Prakash is facing north. He turns 90° in the clockwise direction and again turns 135° anti-clockwise. In which direction Prakash is facing now?

- A North
- B West
- C Northeast
- D Northwest

- 62 Students of class X in a school are standing in a queue. Rahul is at 12th place when counting from left. When counting from right, Rahul is at 19th place. How many students are there in total in the queue?
- A 30
 - B 31
 - C 32
 - D 33
- 63 The ratio between Sophia's age and Neelam's age is 6:7. If the age of Sophia is 24 years, what is the age of Neelam?
- A 24 years
 - B 26 years
 - C 28 years
 - D 30 years
- 64 Which Chogyal shifted the capital of Sikkim from Tumlong to Gangtok in 1894
- A Thutob Namgyal
 - B Tashi Namgyal
 - C Tsudphud Namgyal
 - D Sidekeong Namgyal
- 65 Mahatma Gandhi suspended which of the following after Chauri-Chaura incident:
- A Non-Cooperation Movement
 - B Quit India Movement
 - C Khilafat Movement
 - D Civil Disobedience Movement
- 66 The image formed by a plane mirror is always
- A Erect and real
 - B Erect and virtual
 - C Inverted and real
 - D Inverted and virtual

67 The headquarters of North Eastern Council is situated at

- A Guwahati
- B Shillong
- C Dimapur
- D Agartala

68 Who was Khye Bhumsa?

- A Youngest son of Guru Tashi
- B Son of Thekong Tek
- C Eldest son of Guru Tashi
- D None of the above

69 The Indian boxer Shiva Thapa is from the state of

- A West Bengal
- B Tripura
- C Assam
- D Manipur

70 Consider the following statement

- i) The Andaman and Nicobar group of islands consist of only coral islands
- ii) The Lakshadweep groups of islands are coral islands.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

71 Which of the following waves is used in SONAR?

- A Radio waves
- B Audible sound waves
- C Ultrasonic waves
- D Infrared waves

72 The boundary line between India and Pakistan is called

- A Parallel line
- B Durand line
- C Radcliffe line
- D Mc Mohan line

73 Which of the following Indian state do not share border with Bangladesh?

- A Mizoram
- B Tripura
- C Meghalaya
- D Manipur

74 The Durand Cup is associated with which of the following sporting events?

- A Football
- B Cricket
- C Badminton
- D Hockey

75 The conferment ceremony of prestigious "One World Award" to the Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri. Pawan Chamling for his exemplary work and vision in the field of Organic Mission on September 2017 was held at

- A Freiburg
- B Bavaria
- C Hamburg
- D Legau

76 Atal Pension Yojna(APY) is a pension scheme for

- A Destitute women
- B Farmers
- C Unorganized sector
- D All persons who are below poverty line (BPL)

77 Dengue is caused by a

- A Bacteria
- B Virus
- C Protozoa
- D Fungus

78 Which of the following is an ore of aluminium?

- A Magnetite
- B Chalcocite
- C Bauxite
- D Sphalerite

79 State Emergency, also commonly known as President Rule is declared under which Article of the constitution of India?

- A Article 351
- B Article 352
- C Article 356
- D Article 360

80 Chilika Lake is situated in the state of

- A Jharkhand
- B West Bengal
- C Andhra Pradesh
- D Orissa

81 The Chairman and members of State Public Service Commission are appointed by the

- A Chief Justice of the State High Court.
- B Governor of the State.
- C Chief Minister of the State.
- D Prime Minister of India.

82 Name the Chogyal who married Limbu Raja's daughter

- A Tensung Namgyal
- B Chakdor Namgyal
- C Phuntsok Namgyal
- D Tsudphud Namgyal

83 NITI Ayog came into existence in

- A January 2015
- B October 2016
- C November 2015
- D February 2016

84 In an economy, if the increase in demand is more than the increase in supply, the price will

- A Increase
- B Decrease
- C Remains the same
- D Fluctuate

85 Which of the following is an example of Indirect tax?

- A Income tax
- B Corporation tax
- C Capital gains tax
- D Goods and services tax (GST)

86 The major source of mineral in soil is the

- A Bacteria
- B Animals
- C Plants
- D Parent rocks from which soil is formed

87 Mutual funds in India are regulated by

- A RBI
- B SEBI
- C IRDAI
- D SBI

88 Which of the following is not a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council?

- A Germany
- B France
- C China
- D Russian Federation

89 The Taj Mahal is located on the banks of the river

- A Ganga
- B Cauvery
- C Yamuna
- D Narmada

90 A musical instrument made up of iron piece played by keeping it between the teeth

- A Binayo
- B Murchunga
- C Udung
- D Sarangi

91 Manas Wildlife Sanctuary is a national park situated in the Indian state of

- A Arunachal Pradesh
- B Assam
- C Uttar Pradesh
- D Himachal Pradesh

92 The recent order of Supreme court which banned establishment selling alcohol within 500 meters of National highways was passed in exercises of power provided under _____ of the constitution

- A Article 32
- B Article 136
- C Article 142
- D Article 226

93 Recently, the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the introduction of first bullet train in the country. The bullet train will be introduced between which of the following two cities?

- A Mumbai and Delhi
- B Mumbai and Ahmedabad
- C Delhi and Ahmedabad
- D Delhi and Nagpur

94 Who of the following is a badminton player?

- A P V Sindhu
- B Mithali Raj
- C Harmanpreet Kaur
- D Joshna Chinappa

95 Where was the first Chogyal of Sikkim crowned and consecrated

- A Gangtok
- B Yuksom
- C Tumlong
- D Kabi-Lungchok

Basic Computer Knowledge

96 In MS Word _____ is an option in Font Group.

- A Strikethrough
- B Find
- C Replace
- D Change Styles

97 Pressing F8 key in MS Word three times selects

- A A word
- B A sentence
- C A paragraph
- D Entire document

98 Thesaurus tool in MS Word is used for

- A. Spelling suggestions
- B. Grammar options
- C. Synonyms and Antonyms words
- D. All of above

99 Which of the following is not valid version of MS Office?

- A Office XP
- B Office Vista
- C Office 2007
- D None of above

100 Computer memory that temporarily stores information is called the _____.

- A CPU
- B RAM
- C ROM
- D IBM

101 An example of an operating system is _____.

- A Windows VISTA
- B HTML
- C JAVA
- D Pentium

102 What does the NOW() function return in MS Excel?

- A It returns the serial number of the current date
- B It returns the serial number of the current date and time
- C It returns the serial number of the current time
- D None of the above

103 How to restrict the values of a cell so that only whole numbers between 9 and 99 can be entered in a cell in MS Excel

- A The Settings tab under the menu Format -> Cells
- B The Settings tab under the menu Data -> Filter -> Advanced Filter
- C the Settings tab under the menu Format -> Conditional Formatting
- D The Settings tab under the menu Data -> Validation

104 If 4/6 entered in a cell without applying any formats, MS Excel will treat this as

- A. Fraction
- B. Number
- C. Date
- D. Text

105 A bootstrap is

- A A memory device
- B A program to start up a computer
- C Hardware of computer used to check memory
- D An assembler

106 The process of accessing information on a CD ROM is

- A Random
- B Sequential
- C Semi-Random
- D None of the above

107 CPU gets the address of the next instruction to be processed from

- A Instruction register
- B Memory address register
- C Index register
- D Program counter

108 A kilobyte also referred to as KB, is equal to

- A. 1000 bytes
- B. 1024 bytes
- C. 2048 bytes
- D. 10000 bytes

109 Which of the following is program group?

- A. Accessories
- B. Paint
- C. Word
- D. All of above

110 Which of the following Operating System does not implement multitasking truly?

- A. Windows 98
- B. Windows NT
- C. Windows XP
- D. Ms Dos

ENGLISH Conventional

111. Write a précis for the given passage: - (1x10=10 marks)

English education and English language have done immense goods to India, inspite of their glaring drawbacks. The notions of democracy and self-government are the born of English education. Those who fought and died for mother India's freedom were nursed in the cradle of English thought and culture. The West has made contribution to the East. The history of Europe has fired the hearts of our leaders. Our struggle for freedom has been inspired by the struggles for freedom in England, America and France. If our leaders were ignorant of English and if they had not studied this language, how could they have been inspired by these heroic struggles for freedom in other lands? English, therefore, did us great good in the past and if properly studied will do immense good in future.

English is spoken throughout the world. For international contact our commerce and trade, for the development of our practical ideas, for the scientific studies, English-is indispensable "English is very rich in literature," our own literature has been made richer by this foreign language. It will really be a fatal day if we altogether forget Shakespeare, Milton, Keats and Shaw.

112. Write a short essay on: - (1x15=15 marks)

“How much do social media sites shape public opinions”

Or

“Technology and Environment”