

**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR THE POST OF LOWER DIVISION CLERK  
UNDER LAW & JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,  
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM.  
(FEBRUARY-2026)**

**PAPER-I  
(GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & GENERAL ENGLISH)**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 200

**PART-A (MCQ - 150 MARKS)**

*All questions carry equal mark of 2 each. Attempt all questions.  
This part should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet provided.*

**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.*
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**General Knowledge (100 Marks)**

1. The Constitution of India, that was adopted on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1949 originally had:  
(a) **22 parts, 395 articles and 8 schedules**      (b) 22 parts, 396 articles and 8 schedules  
(c) 22 parts, 395 articles and 9 schedules      (d) 22 parts, 396 articles and 7 schedules
2. While framing the Constitution of India, the provision of **Federation** was borrowed from the Constitution of which of the following countries:  
(a) UK      (b) US  
(c) USSR      (d) **Canada**
3. The Union Public Service Commission is mandated to present report on its performance annually to:  
(a) Prime Minister      (b) **President**  
(c) Lok Sabha      (d) Rajya Sabha
4. Which of the following is not a Fundamental Right :  
(a) Right to Equality      (b) Right against Exploitation  
(c) Right to Liberty      (d) **Right to Property**

5. The minimum age for a candidate to become a member of Rajya Sabha is:  
(a) 21 (b) 25  
(c) **30** (d) 35
6. Which article of the Indian Constitution deals with Amendment procedure?  
(a) Article 268 (b) Article 356  
(c) Article 360 (d) **Article 368**
7. The first Indian to be selected for Indian Civil Services through competitive examination was :  
(a) **Satyendranath Tagore** (b) Subash Chandra Bose  
(c) Surendranath Banerjee (d) Rabindranath Tagore
8. Who was the first president of Indian National Congress?  
(a) A.O Hume (b) Annie Besant  
(c) Mahatma Gandhi (d) **WC Bannerjee**
9. Dandi March, a non-violent civil disobedience movement was started by Gandhi on:  
(a) 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1922 (b) 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1929  
(c) **12<sup>th</sup> March, 1930** (d) 8<sup>th</sup> August 1935
10. Who among the following introduced 'Doctrine of Lapse' during pre-independent India?  
(a) Lord Wellesley (b) Lord Curzon  
(c) **Lord Dalhousie** (d) Lord Lytton
11. The first Europeans to come to India were:  
(a) The British (b) The Dutch  
(c) The French (d) **The Portuguese**
12. Servants of India Society was founded by:  
(a) **Gopal Krishna Gokhale** (b) BG Tilak  
(c) Mahatma Gandhi (d) MG Ranade
13. Mixed Economy means:  
(a) Coexistence of agriculture and industries  
(b) Coexistence of rich and poor  
(c) **Coexistence of public and private sector industries**  
(d) None of the above
14. Which of the following options best describe Green Banking:  
(a) Planting more trees by banks  
(b) **Financing of environment friendly projects by banks**  
(c) Financing of farmers by banks  
(d) Financing of Irrigation projects by banks
15. The term stagflation refers to:  
(a) Stagnation and deflation (b) **Stagnation and inflation**  
(c) Stagnation and reflation (d) Inflation and deflation
16. To be named Scheduled Banks, banks have to be registered with:  
(a) SEBI (b) **RBI**  
(c) SBI (d) Ministry of Finance

17. Nature of unemployment in agriculture in India is:
- (a) Only seasonal (b) Only disguised  
(c) **Both (a) & (b)** (d) None of these
18. The fourth state of matter after solid, liquid and gas is:
- (a) Radiation (b) Vapour  
(c) **Plasma** (d) Electrons
19. Near sightedness, a defect of vision in human can be corrected using:
- (a) Convex lens (b) **Concave lens**  
(c) Cylindrical lens (d) Bifocal lens
20. Chemical name of baking soda is:
- (a) Sodium carbonate (b) **Sodium bicarbonate**  
(c) Sodium decahydrate (d) Sodium nitrate
21. Antacids are found in drugs that give relief to:
- (a) Sore eye (b) **Stomach ache**  
(c) Headache (d) Fever
22. Brass is an alloy created by mixing of:
- (a) **Copper & zinc** (b) Copper & tin  
(c) Zinc & silver (d) Lead & tin
23. The process of coating of iron with zinc to prevent it from rusting is called:
- (a) **Galvanisation** (b) De-Corrosion  
(c) Reduction (d) Coating
24. Which of the following diseases is caused by Protozoa?
- (a) Common cold (b) Pneumonia  
(c) **Malaria** (d) Cholera
25. Which of the following is/are correct?
1. Deficiency of vitamin A causes night blindness.  
2. BCG vaccine is given to prevent Tuberculosis
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2  
(c) **Both 1 & 2** (d) Neither 1 nor 2
26. Duncan Passage, a strait in the Indian Ocean is located between:
- (a) **South Andaman and Little Andaman** (b) Little Andaman and Great Nicobar  
(c) North and Middle Andaman (d) Middle and South Andaman
27. Tundras are:
- (a) Deciduous forests (b) Tropical rainforest  
(c) **Cold deserts** (d) Hot deserts
28. Which of the following line of latitude is also known as the great circle?
- (a) Arctic circle (b) Antarctic circle  
(c) **Equator** (d) Tropic of cancer
29. Which of the following is the Driest desert of the world?
- (a) **Atacama** (b) Sahara  
(c) Kalahari (d) Namib

30. Oldest oil field in India is:

- (a) Ankaleshwar (b) Bombay High  
(c) **Digboi** (d) Haldia

31. Match List-I with List-II and give the correct answer from the code given under:

**List-I (Festival)**

- A. Bihu  
B. Sangai  
C. Hornbill  
D. Onam

**List-II (State)**

1. Assam  
2. Manipur  
3. Nagaland  
4. Kerela

**Codes:**

|     | A | B | C | D |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (b) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| (c) | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| (d) | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |

32. Recently, the QUAD nations launched the 'At Sea Observer Mission' to boost maritime cooperation. Which of the following are members of QUAD?

- (a) Australia, China, US and UK (b) **Australia, India, Japan and US**  
(c) Australia, India, Japan and UK (d) India, Japan, US and UK

33. Which organisation has been designated as a terrorist organisation by the US for the Pahalgam attack?

- (a) Jaish-e-Mohammed (b) Lashkar-e-Taiba  
(c) **The Resistance Front** (d) Hizbul Mujahideen

34. Which country has launched the world's first AI-powered bank called Ryt Bank?

- (a) India (b) **Malaysia**  
(c) Singapore (d) UAE

35. Which country hosts the 25<sup>th</sup> Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit 2025?

- (a) **China** (b) Japan  
(c) India (d) South Korea

36. Chandrayaan-5 mission also known as Lunar Polar Exploration Mission is a collaboration project between ISRO and:

- (a) ROSCOSMOS (b) **JAXA**  
(c) NASA (d) ESA

37. Who was sworn in as the first woman Prime Minister of Nepal on September 2025?

- (a) Bidya Devi Bhandari (b) Sujata Koiral  
(c) Onsari Gharti Mahar (d) **Sushila Karki**

38. Recently which climate activist of India was detained under the National Security Act, 1990?

- (a) Satyam Yadav (b) Rishab Sharma  
(c) Hitesh Lokhande (d) **Sonam Wangchuk**

39. Which among the following cities topped India's dirtiest city in the Swachh Survekshan, 2025 report?

- (a) Indore (b) Bengaluru  
(c) **Madurai** (d) Kolkata

40. Which country has officially become the world's first Cashless country?  
(a) **Sweden** (b) Norway  
(c) Germany (d) Japan
41. Which ministry launched the Incredible India 2.0 initiative?  
(a) Ministry of Commerce (b) Ministry of Culture  
(c) **Ministry of Tourism** (d) Ministry of Rural Development
42. Esther Hnamte, a child prodigy from Lunglei district received which of the following national award on December, 2025?  
(a) **PM-Rashtriya Bal Puraskar** (b) Padma Shri Award  
(c) Nari Shakti Puraskar (d) PM-Rashtriya Puraskar
43. Which country has passed a law banning the use of social media by minors under the age of 16?  
(a) Canada (b) India  
(c) **Australia** (d) US
44. Mizoram shares its borders with which of the following three states:  
(a) **Assam, Manipur and Tripura** (b) Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya  
(c) Manipur, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh (d) Assam, Nagaland and Tripura
45. The third highest peak of Mizoram, *Sur Tlang* is located in which district?  
(a) Lunglei (b) Hnahthial  
(c) **Saitual** (d) Serchhip
46. One of the most famous among the first large villages of the Mizo, Selesih-Seven Thousand Houses, existed around:  
(a) 1610-1650 AD (b) 1670-1700 AD  
(c) **1740-1750 AD** (d) 1800-1850 AD
47. The Mizo name given to the month of April is:  
(a) Vau thla (b) Tomir thla  
(c) Pawltlak thla (d) **Tau thla**
48. Which among the following is not a bamboo-basket used by the Mizos for various purposes?  
(a) Thûl (b) Dawrawn  
(c) Paikawng (d) **Hnam**
49. A supernatural being in the Mizo Mythology with only one leg, who grants wishes of people who helped him is:  
(a) Lasi (b) **Pheichham**  
(c) Khuavang (d) Khawhring
50. The Village blacksmith (Thirdeng) is entitled to a bit of every animal shot, his share is the:  
(a) Right or left leg (b) Head  
(c) **Spine or three ribs** (d) 2 Kgs of its flesh

**General English (50 Marks)**

**Direction (Question Nos. 51 - 55) : Choose the correct parts of speech for the underlined word from the given alternatives:**

51. You must not come up with any buts.  
(a) Pronoun (b) **Noun**  
(c) Adverb (d) Preposition
52. She has not seen him for several days.  
(a) Pronoun (b) **Adjective**  
(c) Adverb (d) Preposition
53. They lived happily after.  
(a) Preposition (b) Adjective  
(c) **Adverb** (d) Pronoun
54. We went over the hills.  
(a) Pronoun (b) Adjective  
(c) Noun (d) **Preposition**
55. She lost her everything.  
(a) Pronoun (b) Adjective  
(c) Adverb (d) **Noun**

**Direction (Question Nos. 56 - 60) : Identify the correct clause/phrase of the underlined words:**

56. This was the time when she was in High School  
(a) Adverb Clause of time (b) **Adjective Clause**  
(c) Noun Clause (d) Adverb Clause of Reason
57. Unless you study, you will fail  
(a) **Adverb Clause of Condition** (b) Noun Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause of Purpose (d) Adverb Clause of Degree
58. Thinking good thoughts precedes good actions  
(a) Adverb Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase  
(c) **Noun Phrase** (d) Adverb Phrase of Purpose
59. The boy full of joy laughed loudly  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) **Adjective Phrase**  
(c) Adverb Phrase (d) Adverb Phrase of Manner
60. They went to the Carnival with great enthusiasm  
(a) Adverb Clause of Purpose (b) Adverb Clause of Time  
(c) Adverb Clause of Place (d) **Adverb Clause of Manner**

**Direction (Question Nos.61 - 63) : Identify the correct idioms and phrases from the given options:**

**61.** To throw down the gauntlet means:

- (a) To give up a challenge
- (b) To accept defeat
- (c) **To issue a challenge**
- (d) To insult someone

**62.** To hold water means:

- (a) To carry a liquid
- (b) **To remain valid or logical**
- (c) To be very careful
- (d) To remain steady

**63.** A red herring means:

- (a) A dangerous animal
- (b) A valuable clue
- (c) **A misleading direction**
- (d) A warning sign

**Direction (Question Nos. 64 - 66) : In these questions, a sentence has been given in Direct Speech/ Indirect Speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Direct Speech/ Indirect Speech:**

**64.** Rani said, "Most people have a walk daily."

- (a) **Rani said that most people have a walk daily.**
- (b) Rani said that most people had a walk daily.
- (c) Rani said most people have a walk daily.
- (d) Rani said that most people walk daily.

**65.** He said to us, "You are all fools."

- (a) He told us that we are all fools
- (b) He said to us that we are all fools
- (c) **He told us that we were all fools**
- (d) He told us that we have been all fools.

**66.** The traveller said, "I shall leave tomorrow."

- (a) The traveller said that I should leave tomorrow
- (b) The traveller said that he shall leave the next day
- (c) **The traveller said that he would leave the next day**
- (d) The traveller said that he would leave tomorrow

**Direction (Question Nos. 67 - 70) : In these questions, a sentence has been given in Active Voice/ Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Active Voice/Passive Voice:**

**67.** Sugar sells by the kilogram

- (a) Sugar has been sold by the kilogram
- (b) Sugar is being sold by the kilogram
- (c) Sugar was being sold by kilogram
- (d) **Sugar is sold by the kilogram**

68. He is not liked by anyone  
(a) **None likes him**  
(b) Everybody does not like him  
(c) No one like him  
(d) None like him
69. What are you thinking of?  
(a) What has been thought of by you?  
(b) What is thought of by you?  
(c) **What is being thought of by you?**  
(d) What was thought of by you?
70. Call him in.  
(a) **Let him be called in.**  
(b) You must call him in.  
(c) He must be called in.  
(d) Let him in

**Direction(Question Nos.71-75) : Choose the correct answer from the given choices:**

71. What is the synonym of prolific?  
(a) barren  
(b) scant  
(c) meager  
(d) **fecund**
72. What is the antonym of ephemeral?  
(a) fleeting  
(b) transient  
(c) **perennial**  
(d) succinct
73. As \_\_\_\_\_ as a lamb  
(a) **meek**  
(b) innocent  
(c) fair  
(d) gay
74. The \_\_\_\_\_ servant always agreed with every command of the master.  
(a) independent  
(b) honest  
(c) **fawning**  
(d) defiant
75. The young one of a swan is called?  
(a) **cygnet**  
(b) whelp  
(c) leveret  
(d) filly

## **PART-B (CONVENTIONAL TYPES - 50 MARKS)**

*The questions in this part should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.*

*Marks are indicated against each question.*

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics (500-600 words): (20)

- (a) Preserving Mizo Culture in a Globalized World
- (b) Sustainable Forest Management : Challenges and Solutions
- (c) Skill Development and Employment Opportunities for Mizo Youth
- (d) Balancing Religious Activities and Educational Duties

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

Empathy, often described as the capacity to comprehend and resonate with the emotions and experiences of others, is a critical component of a healthy social and professional environment. In an increasingly competitive and fast-paced world, the absence of empathy can lead to alienation, miscommunication, and persistent conflict. Conversely, the presence of empathy nurtures mutual respect, emotional intelligence, and collective well-being.

Within educational and professional institutions, empathy serves as a foundation for effective communication and collaboration. When individuals acknowledge diverse perspectives and emotional realities, they are better equipped to respond thoughtfully rather than react impulsively. Such understanding promotes psychological safety, enabling individuals to express ideas, raise concerns, and engage in constructive dialogue without fear of ridicule or marginalization.

Moreover, empathy plays a pivotal role in conflict resolution. Rather than escalating disagreements, empathetic individuals seek to identify underlying causes and address them through dialogue and compromise. This approach not only minimizes hostility but also strengthens interpersonal relationships and institutional harmony. Over time, environments rooted in empathy experience reduced stress, higher morale, and enhanced productivity.

Empathy also contributes significantly to ethical decision-making and leadership. Leaders who demonstrate empathy are more likely to inspire trust, loyalty, and accountability among their subordinates. By recognizing the human impact of policies and decisions, empathetic leadership ensures that progress is both sustainable and inclusive. Thus, empathy is not merely an emotional trait but a strategic necessity for fostering a resilient and healthy environment.

Questions:

- i. What does the passage suggest as the consequences of a lack of empathy in modern society? (2)
- ii. How does empathy contribute to psychological safety in institutions? (3)
- iii. Explain how empathy aids in effective conflict resolution. (3)
- iv. According to the passage, why is empathy important for leadership and decision-making? (3)
- v. How does empathy influence an individual's response to challenging situations, according to the passage? (3)
- vi. What connection does the passage establish between empathy and institutional harmony? (3)
- vii. In what way does empathy help prevent marginalization within organizations? (3)
- viii. Why does the author describe empathy as a strategic necessity rather than just a personal quality? (3)

- ix. Which phrase in the passage indicates the impact of empathy on productivity and morale? **(2)**
- x. Identify a word or phrase from the passage that means “long-lasting and capable of enduring”. **(2)**
- xi. What is meant by the statement “empathy is not merely an emotional trait but a strategic necessity”? **(2)**
- xii. Which of the following best summarizes the central idea of the passage? **(1)**
  - (a) Empathy is useful only in educational institutions
  - (b) Empathy enhances emotional intelligence but reduces competitiveness
  - (c) Empathy is essential for harmony, productivity, and ethical leadership**
  - (d) Empathy is an innate quality that cannot be developed

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