

Sikkim Public Service Commission

Main Written Examination for the Post of Staff Nurse

Paper I

General English & General Knowledge

Time Allowed : 2 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

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5. **This Test Booklet is divided into two sections. Section A General English & GK in MCQ mode, Section B of conventional mode.**
6. **Section A consists of 60 MCQ(Multiple Choice Questions) of 1 Mark each. Candidates are required to attempt all of them on the OMR sheet provided.**
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General English

Section A – Multiple Choice Questions

Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for the questions given below:

The “who’s who” of universities and research institutions published by the Human Resource Development Ministry, as the National Institutional Ranking Framework, 2018, should be viewed mainly as a proposition that data makes it possible to assign objective credentials to some aspects of education. Its assessment of some of the top institutions such as the Indian Institute of Science, the Jawaharlal Nehru University, the IIT’s and the IIM’s is unsurprising, given their record of research, peer- reviewed publications and outcomes for graduates. Even among the 3,954 institutions that participated, there is a clear skew towards southern, southeastern and western India. Participation levels are inadequate: there were 40,026 colleges and 11,669 standalone institutions according to the HRD Ministry’s All India Survey on Higher Education for 2016-17.

To the faculty and students in many colleges, what matters is the vision of the administrative leaders and a commitment to excellence. The government bodies should make available adequate financial and academic resources to college, particularly the younger ones, to help them improve performance. These are measured by the NIRF in terms of the percentage of faculty with doctoral degrees, papers published in credentialed journals, inclusivity and diversity of students, and median salaries for the graduates.

1) What does the author means when he refers to the universities and institutions as “Who’s Who”?

- A) He is trying to understand ‘Who’ the list prepared by NIRF consists of
- B) He is referring to the top institutions among all institutions mentioned in the list prepared by NIRF
- C) He is asking the reader to fathom ‘Who’ developed the list and the reasons behind it
- D) Both ‘A’ and ‘C’

2) There is a skew towards which region/regions in terms of participation?

- I. North
- II. North-East
- III. Western
- IV. South-Eastern

- A) Only iii and iv
- B) Only i, iii and iv
- C) Only i, ii and iv
- D) Only i, ii and iii

3) Which of the following parameter/s matters to faculty and students when determining the worth of an administration?

- I. Vision of its leaders
- II. Frequency of pay hikes
- III. Availability of adequate academic resources

- A) Only i
- B) Only ii
- C) Only i and ii
- D) Only i and iii

4) Which of the following parameters is/are used by NIRF to judge institutions for ranking them?

- I. Papers published in reputed journals
- II. Number of highly qualified faculty
- III. Diversity in terms of students

- A) Only i
- B) Only iii
- C) Only i and ii
- D) All of the above

5) Which of the following is/are true as per the passage?

- A) There was a huge amount of participation seen in NIRF 2018
- B) The ranking approach has been critiqued for failing to capture the crucial metric of learning outcomes
- C) NIRF assessment of the top notch institutions was expected
- D) The governing bodies have made adequate financial and academic resources to colleges, particularly to the younger ones.

Choose the correct synonyms of the words from the options given:

6) Plagiarism

- A) Theft of funds
- B) Theft of ideas
- C) Belief in Gods
- D) Arson

7) Nascent

- A) Loyal
- B) Treacherous
- C) Unnamed
- D) Incipient

8) Mundane

- A) Spatial
- B) Heretic
- C) Worldly
- D) Global

9) Ponderous

- A) Contemplative
- B) Moist
- C) Erected
- D) Bulky

10) Monetary

- A) Fiscal
- B) Stationary
- C) Scrupulous
- D) Boring

Fill in the blanks with suitable words

11) When she parted _____ her parents, her eyes were full of tears.

- A) from
- B) away
- C) off
- D) with

12) He went _____ to oblige his superior.

- A) on his way
- B) out of his way
- C) in his way
- D) with his way

13) The members of his religious sect ostracised the _____ who had abandoned their faith.

- A) coward
- B) litigant
- C) recreant
- D) suppliant

14) The film we saw last night was boring. I wish I _____ it.

- A) didn't see
- B) wouldn't have seen
- C) shouldn't have seen
- D) hadn't seen

15) There are, as yet, no vegetation types or ecosystems whose study has been perfected to the extent that they no longer _____ ecologists.

- A) interest
- B) require
- C) challenge
- D) hinder

Choose the correct verbs for the following blanks:

16) Your friend's _____ for you over an hour.

- A) wait
- B) waited
- C) have waited
- D) waiting

17) It's not worth _____ so much money for this concert.

- A) paying
- B) pay
- C) paid
- D) to pay

18) His courage _____ him.

- A) forsake
- B) forsaken
- C) forsook
- D) forsaking

19) Rajesh was surely injured in the accident and he _____ to death if the ambulance had not arrived.

- A) bleed
- B) bled
- C) would have bled
- D) had bled

20) When I reached the taxi stand, the taxi _____ .

- A) left
- B) have left
- C) had left
- D) leave

In the questions given below a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Choose the correct alternative which you think best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice:

21) Did everybody miss the first bus?

- A) Have the first bus missed by everybody?
- B) Was the first bus missed by everybody?
- C) Everybody missed the first bus?
- D) Had the first bus been missed by everybody?

22) They established this club in 2000.

- A) This club is being established in 2000.
- B) This club had been established in 2000.
- C) This club was being established in 2000.
- D) This club was established in 2000.

23) Open the door.

- A) Let the door shall be opened.
- B) Let the door be opened.
- C) The door was opened.
- D) The door shall be opened.

24) For a long time people believed the earth to be flat.

- A) The earth was being believed to be flat for a long time.
- B) The earth had been believed to be flat for a long time.
- C) The earth is being believed to be flat for a long time.
- D) The earth was believed to be flat for a long time.

25) Everyone praises good men.

- A) Good men are given praises by everyone.
- B) Everyone give praises to good men.
- C) Good men are being given praises by everyone.
- D) Good men are praised by everyone.

Choose the option given under each question which you think best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/phrase that is underlined:

26) Pema is very calculative and always has an axe to grind.

- A) has no result
- B) works for both sides
- C) has a private agenda
- D) fails to arouse attention

27) His investments helped him make a killing in the stock market.

- A) loose money quickly
- B) plan a murder quickly
- C) murder someone quickly
- D) make money quickly

28) There is no gain saying the fact that the country is in difficulties.

- A) ignoring
- B) hiding
- C) forgetting
- D) denying

29) A man of straw means

- A) A very active man
- B) A worthy fellow
- C) A reasonable person
- D) A man of no substance

30) Let sleeping dogs lie means

- A) Do not make friends with enemies
- B) Do not bring upon old controversial issue
- C) Dogs can raise tempers
- D) Do not allow the dogs to stand

General Knowledge

Read the questions and choose the correct answers from the following:

31) Who is the writer of the book "No Friend But the Mountains: Writing from Manus Prison"?

- A) Behrouz Boochani
- B) Azim Premji
- C) Chetan Bhagat
- D) Ruskin Bond

32) Who is the first Kashmiri to be conferred with the Ashok Chakra posthumously?

- A) Capt. Gurubachan Singh
- B) Lance Naik Nazir Wani
- C) Major Somnath Sharma
- D) Lt. General Abhay Krishna

33) At which place a 19 foot high statue of Guru Padmasambhava was unveiled near Padmasambhava Mahavira on February 7th 2019?

- A) Ravangla, Sikkim
- B) Jirang, Odisha
- C) Solang, Himachal Pradesh
- D) Leh, Jammu & Kashmir

34) In which country more than 450 Indians have been confirmed citizenship under the government's 'Windrush Scheme', set up in the wake of an immigration scandal in 2018?

- A) Australia
- B) USA
- C) UK
- D) France

35) What is the theme of the 2019 World Wetlands Day (WWD)?

- A) Protect Forests and Wetlands
- B) Wetlands and Climate Change
- C) Wetlands for Our Future
- D) Wetlands for a suitable Urban Future

36) Which country has won the 2019 Asian Cup Football tournament?

- A) Japan
- B) Iran
- C) Qatar
- D) Saudi Arabia

37) Which Island is to be named 'Subhash Chandra Bose Island' in Andaman and Nicobar Island?

- A) Ross
- B) Viper
- C) Havelock
- D) Neil

38) Which state is the founder of 'Khushi Scheme'?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Odisha
- D) Uttar Pradesh

39) Sikkim will be the first state to launch which of the following programme?

- A) National Bamboo Mission
- B) Operation Green
- C) Affordable Housing Fund
- D) Universal Basic Income

40) Which state has initiated 'One District One Product Scheme'?

- A) Bihar
- B) Sikkim
- C) Punjab
- D) Uttar Pradesh

41) Which film got the award for the Best Film by BAFTA Film Awards 2019?

- A) Free Solo
- B) Roma
- C) 73 Cows
- D) The Favourite

42) World Water Day is observed on

- A) 14th March
- B) 16th March
- C) 22nd March
- D) 27th March

43) Which company has entered into a pact with Sikkim government in revamping the state's education system by enhancing digital literacy and building new age tech capacity among students and faculty in government run schools?

- A) Google
- B) Microsoft India
- C) Reliance India
- D) Apple

44) In which sanctuary was the camera image of Royal Bengal Tiger captured in Sikkim?

- A) Shingba Wildlife Sanctuary
- B) Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary
- C) Kyongnosla Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary
- D) Kitam Wildlife Sanctuary

45) In which of the following places Hindi has been included as the third official language?

- A) Syria
- B) Israel
- C) Abu Dhabi
- D) Muscat

46) Which company purchased 77% stock in the Indian E-Commerce firm Flipkart?

- A) Walmart
- B) Amazon
- C) Hershey
- D) Tata

47) NASA's insight spacecraft will probe the depths of which planet?

- A) Mercury
- B) Venus
- C) Jupiter
- D) Mars

48) Which scheme is announced by the Indian government to find out digital solutions to various problems faced by the people and give hand-on working and research opportunity for engineering students?

- A) Trainee Teacher Scheme
- B) Impacting Research Innovation and Technology
- C) Smart India Hackathon
- D) Setting up of Research Parks

49) Which of the following is the most advanced helicopter launched version of anti-tank missile test fired recently from Chandipur?

- A) Shaurya
- B) Trishul
- C) Akash
- D) Helina

50) Which software has been developed by Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) to help Union Minister keep track of all the Railway information?

- A) e-Drishti
- B) Mx System
- C) Ultimo Maintenance Management
- D) Railyatra

51) Which country is providing Euro120 million soft loan for Clean Ganga Mission?

- A) Russia
- B) USA
- C) Germany
- D) France

52) Which state was the first to adopt the Mahila Police Volunteer?

- A) Punjab
- B) Haryana
- C) Karnataka
- D) Odisha

53) Which film was awarded the Best Feature Film at the 65th National Film Awards?

- A) Nagarkirtan
- B) Mom
- C) Village Rockstar
- D) Sinjar

54) Which project was inaugurated by the union minister K.J. Alphons in Gangtok that will bring quality infrastructure and better facilities to the visitors?

- A) Himali Darshan Project
- B) Food Security Mission
- C) Swadesh Darshan Project
- D) Mega Industrial Project

55) Which is the highest civilian award in Sikkim?

- A) Sikkim Ratna
- B) Jewel of Sikkim
- C) Gem of Sikkim
- D) Sewa Samman

56) 'Herana Heran', 'Mushkoh valley' 'Tejas' are few musical tunes used in

- A) Beating Retreat Ceremony at Republic Day
- B) Marriage Ceremony
- C) Handing Over Ceremony
- D) Change of Guard Ceremony

57) Which sports does Sushmita Rai of Sikkim represent?

- A) Judo
- B) Wako Kickboxing
- C) Boxing
- D) Weight Lifting

58) Anwesh Karan of Sikkim is associated with

- A) Karate
- B) Cricket
- C) Football
- D) Badminton

59) Which of the following high courts have the largest jurisdiction?

- A) Bombay High Court
- B) Guwahati High Court
- C) Allahabad High Court
- D) Calcutta High Court

60) Kendrick Lamar wins the Pulitzer Prize in

- A) Poetry
- B) Drama
- C) Fiction
- D) Music

Section B

Write a short essay on any one of the following topics: [10 marks]

Good health necessary for happiness and success.

OR

Carrying heavy bags adversely impact children's health.

Letter writing

[10 marks]

Obesity is on the rise and is affecting everyone with health issues and your best friend is addicted to fast food. Write a letter to your friend about how he can incorporate healthy habits and change his lifestyle to improve his health.

OR

Your aunt lives in a village where people are not so aware of basic health and hygiene. Write a letter to her and explain how keeping environment clean can improve her health and society.