

# **THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT AT GUWAHATI**

(The High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh)

**Written Examination (Objective type multiple choices) in connection with direct recruitment of PRIVATE SECRETARY (STENOGRAPHER GRADE-I) for Kohima Bench, Kohima, Nagaland.**

**Date: 25-06-2017 (Sunday)**

**Time: 10.00 AM to 11.00 AM**

**Total marks: 50**

**Duration : 1 hour**

[Total No. of questions: 50. Each question carries 1 mark. There is no negative marking.]

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

**Directions (Q Nos.1 to 10): In each of the following questions, a sentence contains a blank space. Choose the best option from (A), (B), (C) and (D) so that it completes the sentence in the most meaningful and grammatically appropriate manner:**

- 1) It was common knowledge that the Manager had committed a fraud. Just to \_\_\_\_\_, the Manager was now lying through his teeth.  
(A) admit it                      (B) save his own skin      (C) reaffirm it                      (D) make hay while the sun shine
- 2) The rioting crowd had reached very close to Nancy's house. Nancy's brother somehow managed to avoid this crowd and reached home \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) Simply                      (B) in silent                      (C) in a jiffy                      (D) quicker
- 3) I have been so busy with work that I have not yet \_\_\_\_\_ to arrange my things in my new house.  
(A) tried                      (B) seemed                      (C) attempting                      (D) gotten around
- 4) I am hosting a party at my house tomorrow evening. I \_\_\_\_\_ you can make it on time.  
(A) knew that                      (B) hope that                      (C) wishes that                      (D) desire
- 5) They work hard not because of the \_\_\_\_\_, but because of their inner urge.  
(A) desire                      (B) drive                      (C) energy                      (D) incentive
- 6) His \_\_\_\_\_ background had made him so docile.  
(A) Famous                      (B) lucrative                      (C) rich                      (D) humble
- 7) It is \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone to abide by the laws of the land.  
(A) expected                      (B) obligatory                      (C) meant                      (D) optional
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ he is a hard worker, his quality of work is not of a desirable level.  
(A) Despite                      (B) Because                      (C) Although                      (D) Somehow
- 9) In spite of repeated instructions, he \_\_\_\_\_ the same mistakes.  
(A) commits                      (B) detects                      (C) corrects                      (D) imitates
- 10) From Mumbai to Burma is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) nearby                      (B) distance                      (C) a far cry                      (D) far away

**Directions (Q Nos.11 to 30): In the following questions, a part of the sentence is printed in BOLD. Below are given alternatives to the BOLD part at (A), (B), and (C) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (D):**

- 11) His father won't be able to leave for Delhi **until they had arrived**.
- (A) until they arrive (B) until they will arrive  
(C) until they will have arrived (D) no improvement
- 12) They **cooked a conspiracy** to overthrow the monarch.
- (A) created conspiracy (B) fabricated conspiracy  
(C) hatched a conspiracy (D) no improvement
- 13) They felt humiliated because they realised that they **had cheated**.
- (A) had been cheating (B) are to be cheated  
(C) had been cheated (D) no improvement
- 14) Julian **would have been** looked smart in traditional clothes.
- (A) was looked (B) would be looked (C) would have looked (D) no improvement
- 15) The summer has **set out**, and the days are getting warm.
- (A) set up (B) set in (C) set off (D) no improvement
- 16) **No sooner I saw** the tiger than I ran away.
- (A) No sooner I had seen (B) No sooner did I see  
(C) As soon as I saw (D) no improvement
- 17) The teacher has instructed all of us to finish the work by tomorrow, **isn't it** ?
- (A) has she ? (B) didn't she ? (C) hasn't she ? (D) no improvement
- 18) Bad habits must be **nipped at the bud**.
- (A) nipped off the bud (B) nipped in the bud  
(C) nipped on the bud (D) no improvement
- 19) **It is no good to cry** over spilt milk.
- (A) It is no good crying (B) It is of no good to cry  
(C) It is off no good crying (D) No improvement
- 20) He enjoys **to tell stories** to children.
- (A) how to tell stories (B) telling stories (C) to narrate stories (D) No improvement
- 21) Alemla purchased **the very good** of all the cosmetics kept in the shop.
- (A) the better (B) the very better (C) the best (D) No improvement

22) Galileo said that the earth **revolved around the sun**.

- (A) has revolved around the sun. (B) was revolving round the sun.  
(C) revolves round the sun. (D) No improvement

23) He **is having a lot** of money.

- (A) is having lots of (B) has lot of (C) has a lot of (D) No improvement

24) I have not written any letter to him since his father **had died**.

- (A) died (B) was dead (C) has died (D) No improvement

25) A lot depends on your early **brought up** in the family.

- (A) bringing up (B) bringing on (C) upbringing (D) No improvement

26) When he heard the rhetorical speech of the leader, he **was carried along** by his enthusiasm.

- (A) was carried away (B) was carried aloft (C) was carried down (D) No improvement

27) It is high time that we **did** something about it.

- (A) had done (B) would do (C) have done (D) No improvement

28) You must try **making him to understand**.

- (A) to make his of understand (B) to making him understand  
(C) to make him understand (D) No improvement

29) He has been working **off and on** for several years to compile a dictionary.

- (A) On or off (B) on and off (C) regularly (D) No improvement

30) He complained that he had too much work to **cope up with**.

- (A) to cope with (B) for coping up with (C) to cope (D) No improvement

**Directions (Q Nos. 31 to 35): In the following questions, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word:**

31) Clamp down

- (A) move up (B) let off (C) ease off (D) ease up

32) Tacit

- (A) implied (B) wise (C) expressed (D) tactful

33) Equivocal

- (A) logical (B) diplomatic (C) clear (D) perfidious

34) Gullible

- (A) susceptible (B) faithful (C) severe (D) skeptical

35) Ingenious

- (A) clever (B) stupid (C) sophisticated (D) naive

**Directions (Q Nos. 36 to 40): In the following questions, groups of four words are given.**

**In each group one word is wrongly spelt. Find the wrongly spelt word:**

- 36) (A) Preposterous (B) Disasterous (C) Murderous (D) Onerous  
37) (A) Severity (B) Cruelity (C) Sincerity (D) Superiority  
38) (A) Begining (B) Winning (C) Mining (D) Running  
39) (A) Complement (B) Compliment (C) Supplement (D) Requirment  
40) (A) Amelirate (B) Zealot (C) Penetrate (D) elegant

**Directions (Q Nos.41 to 45): In the following questions, groups of four words are given.**

**In each group one word is CORRECTLY spelt. Find the correctly spelt word:**

- 41) (A) qestalt (B) imbrolios (C) ampasse (D) recondite  
42) (A) hindrance (B) corespondence (C) insurence (D) assurance  
43) (A) adversery (B) advisory (C) adultary (D) arbitrary  
44) (A) kattle (B) ketele (C) kettle (D) kettli  
45) (A) forefiet (B) forfeit (C) forfiet (D) forfeit

**Directions (Q Nos.46 to 50): In each of the following questions, choose the best option from (A), (B), (C) and (D) which gives the correct meaning of the given IDIOM typed in bold :**

- 46) The murder was committed in **broad day-light**.  
(A) night-time (B) day-time (C) evening (D) mid-night
- 47) The match ended in a **drawn game**.  
(A) decided (B) undecided (C) equal manner (D) one sided
- 48) The decision has **far-reaching** effects.  
(A) unimportant (B) no consequence (C) important (D) insignificant
- 49) John proved to be a **man of his word**.  
(A) Unfaithful man (B) faithful man (C) disloyal man (D) faithless man
- 50) Be **up and doing** if you want to shine in life.  
(A) slow (B) lethargic (C) sluggish (D) energetic

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