

THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT AT GUWAHATI

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

**Written Test (Objective type multiple choices) for direct recruitment of Stenographer
Grade-III for the subordinate judiciary of Assam**

Date-7.2.2016 (Sunday), Time- 11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Total-100 marks

Duration-2 hours

ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARK

General English

Direction: (Q. No.1 to 10): Fill in the blanks with appropriate article.

1. If you are really hungry, you can eat apple from the basket of apples.
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article is needed
2. She went on to become successful playback singer.
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article is needed
3. library on the corner has an amazing collection of story books.
(a) A (b) An (c) The (d) no article is needed
4. I don't speak Hindi very well, but I can make myself understood.
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article is needed
5. She is prettiest girl I have ever seen.
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article is needed
6. 'Where is cheese?' 'I ate it.'
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article is needed
7. Move books off that chair and sit down.
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article is needed
8. Irish have their own language.
(a) A (b) An (c) The (d) no article is needed
9. Life is complicated.
(a) A (b) An (c) The (d) no article is needed
10. I am writing book on Indian mythology.
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article is needed

Direction (Q. No. 11 to 26): Complete the following passage using appropriate prepositions.

Thomas Alva Edison is one11..... the most famous inventors who ever lived. His famous inventions include the motion picture, the phonograph and the light bulb. Edison, who is known as the Magician12..... Menlo Park, accomplished many successes13..... his life. He has 1093 patents14..... telegraphy, photography and electric lighting. Edison invented things that ordinary people could use. Some15..... his inventions were original. Some others were improvements of things invented16..... others. Edison also established a factory17..... invent things.

Thomas Alva Edison was born18..... Ohio19..... February 11, 1847. He died20..... October 18, 1931.....21..... New Jersey. He was the seventh and last child22..... his parents who had no special background. His mother was a former school teacher. Edison was a curious child. He asked lots of questions. Edison started school23..... seven. His teachers thought that he was a dull student. After three months his mother pulled him24..... school and started teaching him herself25..... home. His parents encouraged him to learn things26..... his own. When he was nine years old his mother gave him a science book. It had lots of chemistry experiments that he could do at home.

11. (a) in (b) of (c) by (d) to
12. (a) of (b) in (c) by (d) to
13. (a) of (b) in (c) to (d) by
14. (a) to (b) of (c) by (d) in
15. (a) of (b) in (c) to (d) by
16. (a) by (b) to (c) by (d) in
17. (a) of (b) in (c) to (d) by
18. (a) by (b) to (c) in (d) of
19. (a) on (b) by (c) of (d) in
20. (a) to (b) of (c) on (d) in
21. (a) on (b) of (c) to (d) in
22. (a) at (b) on (c) in (d) of
23. (a) at (b) of (c) to (d) by
24. (a) out (b) in (c) out of (d) by
25. (a) at (b) of (c) to (d) in
26. (a) of (b) on (c) to (d) by

Direction (Q. No.27 to 40): Complete the following sentences using appropriate verb forms.

The teacher27..... (teach) the lesson yesterday. Now he28..... (ask) questions to see if the students have understood the lesson. As he29..... (be) not satisfied with the answers, he30..... (repeat) the lesson tomorrow. John31..... (lie) in hospital for two weeks. We32..... (visit) him yesterday. He33.....(recover) completely. Most probably he34..... (come) to school next week. Mark35..... (apply) for jobs ever since he passed his examination in March. Last month he36.....

(appear) for an interview. He37..... (wait) for the results. If he gets selected, he38..... (join) duty next month. I39..... (write) to my friend a fortnight ago inviting him to spend the holidays with me. Yesterday, I40..... (receive) his reply.

27. (a) teach (b) teaches (c) taught (d) teaching
28. (a) is asking (b) was asking (c) were asking (d) have asked
29. (a) be (b) is (c) am (d) were
30. (a) will repeat (b) is repeating (c) was repeating (d) will repeating
31. (a) have been lying (b) has been lying (c) is lying
(d) have lying
32. (a) visit (b) visited (c) will be visiting (d) has visit
33. (a) has recovered (b) have recovered (c) has been recovering
(d) will have recovering completely
34. (a) has come (b) will come (c) have come (d) coming
35. (a) have been applying (b) have applying (c) has applied
(d) has been applying
36. (a) appeared (b) is appearing (c) has been appearing (d) will appear
37. (a) will be waiting (b) is waiting (c) waiting (d) have been waiting
38. (a) will join (b) will have been join (c) joining (d) has joined
39. (a) write (b) writing (c) has written (d) wrote
40. (a) receives (b) receiving (c) received (d) has received

Directions (Q. No. 41 to 70): Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate option.

41. The student's _____ has chagrined the teacher.
(a) defiance (b) rectitude (c) resilience (d) extirpation
42. The board lost the _____ issue of the argument, as they got stuck in its _____.
(a) main-swamp (b) focal-ramifications (c) fundamental-flexuosity
(d) blatant-obfuscation.
43. The _____ ambience and the _____ grooming helped the child.
(a) austere-pedantic (b) exciting-haphazard (c) idyllic-odious (d)
exonerating-sacrilegious
44. Being _____ as he was, he came late gain.
(a) sagacious (b) distrait (c) invidious (d) pesky

45. A conman swindled the _____ old man.
 (a) gullible (b) adroit (c) assiduous (d) ambiguous
46. She tried to _____ herself with the boss through flattery.
 (a) ingratiate (b) bode (c) atone (d) exalt
47. It is _____ for a man to fleece money.
 (a) ambitious (b) inimical (c) tenuous (d) iniquitous
48. Being _____ doesn't impress, but infuriates the other person.
 (a) restricted (b) brazen (c) blathering (d) pompous
49. The employees wear casual clothes as there are no _____ restrictions on them.
 (a) sartorial (b) weaving (c) costume (d) attire
50. Cigarettes are strictly _____ in his office.
 (a) outlasted (b) outlawed (c) outlisted (d) taboo
51. After the hectic schedule, they had a weekend _____ in Goa.
 (a) leisure (b) trip (c) enjoyment (d) vacation
52. It was India which _____ the decimal number system.
 (a) inducted (b) initiated (c) founded (d) spearheaded
53. Few people know that Uncle Sam is the _____ for the USA.
 (a) pseudonym (b) pen name (c) talisman (d) mascot
54. They are _____ of erstwhile royal families.
 (a) members (b) descendants (c) scions (d) heirs
55. He was felicitated by the President for his _____ in wartime.
 (a) triumph (b) prowess (c) conquest (d) fight
56. Credit must go to Indian _____, for developing hybrid varieties of foodgrains.
 (a) economists (b) agriculturist (c) agronomists (d) farmers
57. After the accident, he is strictly following the _____ specified by the doctor.
 (a) prescription (b) treatment (c) regimen (d) guidelines
58. Being an _____, he does not talk to people easily.
 (a) ascetic (b) introvert (c) invertebrate (d) spartan
59. The Hindu Pandits are expected to be _____.
 (a) bachelors (b) unmarried (c) single (d) celibate
60. After so many jobs, he finally carved himself a _____ as a journalist.
 (a) calling (b) vocation (c) niche (d) placement
61. The hot humid day and the hectic schedule made me feel completely _____.
 (a) sedulous (b) sleepy (c) lethargic (d) evasive
62. Rita cheered _____ at the sight of the gift.
 (a) up (b) about (c) down (d) on

63. The urchin had driven 20 miles before the man caught _____ him.
 (a) upon (b) on with (c) up to (d) up with
64. _____ pompous, he was a likeable person.
 (a) Despite (b) Though (c) Nevertheless (d) Even if
65. He is _____ if he cannot solve this sum.
 (a) Not of worth to his salt (b) Not worth his salt (c) Not worth of the
 (d) Unworthy of his salt
66. Because of his behaviour, he was _____ the door.
 (a) showed (b) shown with (c) shown out of (d) shown
67. The outfit was so designed that attention was _____ it.
 (a) drawn about (b) drawn over (c) drawn to (d) drawn upon
68. One's income has to _____ changing lifestyles.
 (a) keep pace for (b) keep pace with (c) keep pace because of
 (d) keep pace along
69. No matter how hard you try, you can't _____ it.
 (a) lay your hands on (b) lay your hands to (c) lay your fingers to
 (d) lay your fingers on
70. Oppression of the poor is _____ in countries like this.
 (a) order for the day (b) order of the day (c) the daily order
 (d) the order of the day

Direction (Q. No.71 to 80): Choose the most appropriate option which is nearest in meaning to the given phrase.

71. A bone of contention
 (a) bone of a lion (b) a reason for discord
 (c) cause of friendship (d) confined to bed
72. Blow one's own trumpet
 (a) praise others loudly (b) speak abusively
 (c) praise oneself loudly (d) balanced
73. A bolt from the blue
 (a) gradual process (b) a sudden complete surprise
 (c) to delay (d) a deliberate move
74. Null and void
 (a) not concerned with (b) to avenge
 (c) to avoid taking sides (d) not valid
75. Point blank
 (a) happily (b) bluntly
 (c) shadow (d) God gifted
76. Bread and butter

- (a) heavy breakfast
(c) a hoax
- (b) a businessman
(d) means of subsistence
77. Let the bygones be bygones
(a) in one's favour
(c) to forget the past
- (b) to pretend
(d) other choice
78. Out of the wood
(a) very clean
(c) clear of dangers or difficulties
- (b) a crazy person
(d) essential part
79. To be at sea
(a) puzzled
(c) time just before an event
- (b) praiseworthy
(d) to remember
80. To play a second fiddle
(a) to cheat
(c) to act honestly
- (b) to take a subordinate part
(d) to disregard promise

Direction (Q. No. 81 to 85): Choose the appropriate word from the given options which is nearest in meaning to the bold lettered word.

81. ACERBIC

- (a) Bitter
(c) Arrogant
- (b) Furious
(d) Childish

82. PROLIFERATION

- (a) Use
(c) Expansion
- (b) Increase
(d) Extention

83. INSTIGATED

- (a) Initiated
(c) Forced
- (b) Indicated
(d) Caused

84. APPLAUSE

- (a) Approval
(c) Agreeable
- (b) Adulation
(d) Eulogy

85. OSTENSIBLE

- (a) Illusory
(c) Dubious
- (b) Apparent
(d) Visible

Direction (Q. No. 86 to 90): Choose the appropriate word from the given options which is closest to the opposite in meaning to the bold lettered word.

86. IMPUDENT

- (a) Gentle
(c) Modest
- (b) Mild
(d) Unassuming

87. FORTUITOUS

- (a) Circumstantial (b) Unfortunate
(c) Sudden (d) Calculated

88. ANTIPATHY

- (a) Profundity (b) Fondness
(c) Objection (d) Willingness

89. CONSCIENTIOUS

- (a) Novice (b) Careless
(c) Unscientific (d) Biased

90. PROFLIGATE

- (a) Proper (b) Extravagant
(c) Effective (d) Thrifty

Directions (Q. Nos.91 to 100): In these questions, look at the underlined part of each sentence. Below each sentence, three possible substitutions (a), (b) and (c) for the underlined part are given. If one of the substitutions is better than the underlined part, select that substitution as your response. If none of the substitutions improves the sentence, then select (d) as your response.

91. He was not so good at doing sums at school as I was.
(a) for (b) with (c) in (d) no improvement
92. The teacher was unhappy to find that the boy had lied rather than telling the truth
(a) rather than tell (b) instead of telling (c) rather than told (d) no improvement
93. I have seen the movies yesterday.
(a) saw (b) had seen (c) was seeing (d) no improvement
94. One should be particular when he is crossing a busy lane.
(a) he should be (b) one is (c) he will be (d) no improvement
95. We spoke about this yesterday, haven't we?
(a) isn't it? (b) hadn't we?
(c) didn't we? (d) no improvement
96. The technician and not the three managers are running the company.
(a) were running (b) is running
(c) have been running (d) no improvement
97. It was not long for I discovered that the man could neither read nor write.
(a) long before (b) long since
(c) longer than (d) no improvement
98. The death toll in the cyclone went to five hundred.
(a) increased to (b) rose to
(c) spread to (d) no improvement

99. While walking on the road, a dog bit the man.
(a) a dog had bitten the man by a dog (b) the man was dogged (c) the man was bitten
(d) no improvement
100. He promised that he will deliver the goods within a week, but he did not keep his promise.
(a) must have delivered (b) will have delivered (c) would deliver
(d) no improvement

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