

THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT AT GUWAHATI
(The High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh)
LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION, 2020
FOR PROMOTION FROM GRADE-II TO GRADE-I OF ASSAM JUDICIAL SERVICE

Paper – I

Total Marks: 100

Time: 09:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Duration: 3 Hours

1. **Write an essay on any one of the following topics: -** 20
 - [A] Medical Negligence in India: Laws and remedies;
 - [B] Virtual Courts: Challenges and Opportunities for the Bar and the Bench and the way forward;
 - [C] India and its neighbouring countries in the current geo-political scenario.
2. **Discuss:**
Whether Artificial Intelligence will help in better administration of justice delivery and in judging? 6
3. **Explain briefly the difference between the two terms (any two):** 4 X 2 = 8
 - [A] Emigration vs. Immigration;
 - [B] Mediation vs. Arbitration;
 - [C] Transcription vs. Translation;
 - [D] Hypothesis vs. Theory.
4. **Choose the correct answer from the given options. Each question carries equal mark.** 1 X 20 = 20
 - (i) Who was the first woman judge to be appointed to the Supreme Court of India?
 - [A] Justice Smti. Gyan Sudha Mishra
 - [B] Justice Smti. M. Fathima Beevi
 - [C] Justice Smti. Leila Seth
 - [D] Justice Smti. Ranjana Desai
 - (ii) Who was the first woman judge to be appointed Chief Justice of a High Court?
 - [A] Justice Smti. Gyan Sudha Mishra
 - [B] Justice Smti. M. Fathima Beevi
 - [C] Justice Smti. Leila Seth
 - [D] Justice Smti. Ranjana Desai
 - (iii) In which of the following cases did the Supreme Court allow *Passive Euthanasia* under exceptional circumstances?
 - [A] Gian Kaur vs. State of Punjab
 - [B] Aruna Shanbaug vs. Union of India
 - [C] Sharda vs. Union of India
 - [D] Seema vs. Aswini Kumar

- (iv) Who wrote the famous book – 'We the people'?
- [A] T.N. Kaul
 - [B] J.R.D. Tata
 - [C] Khushwant Singh
 - [D] Nani Palkhivala
- (v) Which among the following was not a Union Territory before it was accorded the status of full fledged State?
- [A] Himachal Pradesh
 - [B] Manipur
 - [C] Tripura
 - [D] Sikkim
- (vi) Which is India's first under-water Metro rail service?
- [A] Mumbai Metro
 - [B] Kochi Metro
 - [C] Kolkata Metro
 - [D] Chennai Metro
- (vii) 'Tour de France' event, which has been postponed due to Covid-19 outbreak, is related to which sports?
- [A] Tennis
 - [B] Marathon
 - [C] Cycling
 - [D] Golf
- (viii) Which new national mission was launched by the Prime Minister of India on 15th August, 2020?
- [A] National Cleanliness Mission
 - [B] National Digital Education Mission
 - [C] National Digital Health Mission
 - [D] National Food Safety Mission
- (ix) Which of the following Union Territories has no representation in Rajya Sabha?
- [A] Delhi
 - [B] Puducherry
 - [C] Jammu and Kashmir
 - [D] Andaman and Nicobar
- (x) Who is the head of the Sports Ministry's committee to select this year's National Sports Awards winners?
- [A] Mukundakam Sharma
 - [B] S.B. Sinha
 - [C] Markandey Katju

[D] Jagannadha Rao

(xi) What should be the total number of ministers, including the chief minister, in the council of ministers out of the total strength of the legislative assembly of that State?

[A] Not more than 15%

[B] Not more than 10%

[C] Not less than 10%

[D] Not more than 20%

(xii) In which of the following cases the property accrues to the government as there is no rightful owner?

1. Escheat

2. Lapse

3. Bona vacantia

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

[A] Only 1

[B] Only 2

[C] Only 3

[D] 1, 2 & 3

(xiii) In 'The Illiad', Greek forces besieged the people of what kingdom?

[A] Judea

[B] Algiers

[C] Babylon

[D] Troy

(xiv) A deuce in tennis means a score line of:

[A] 2 points

[B] 2 - 2

[C] 1 point

[D] 40 - 40

(xv) All known elements are organized in _____.

[A] The Official Index of Elements

[B] The Guidebook of Chemistry

[C] The Periodic Table

[D] None of the above

(xvi) Choose the word which is least like the other words in a group?

[A] Zinc

[B] Aluminium

[C] Mercury

[D] Copper

- (xvii) Three of the following four are alike in a group certain way and hence form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group ?
- [A] Clove
 - [B] Cinnamon
 - [C] Pepper
 - [D] Apricot
- (xviii) Under which Article of the Constitution of India the President has the power of pardon or remission?
- [A] Article 72
 - [B] Article 71
 - [C] Article 76
 - [D] Article 74
- (xix) Who is the longest serving Chief Minister of any Indian state ?
- [A] Lal Thanhawla
 - [B] Gegong Apang
 - [C] Pawan Kumar Chamling
 - [D] Jyoti Basu
- (xx) "A Promised Land" is the memoir of whom?
- [A] Narendra Modi
 - [B] Barack Obama
 - [C] Donald Trump
 - [D] Angela Merkel

5. Choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the idioms. 1 X 10 = 10

- (i) Idiom : "A real white elephant".
- [A] A rare find
 - [B] Very expensive and useless
 - [C] A very big one
 - [D] A useless one
- (ii) Idiom : "Get ducks in a row".
- [A] Jumble
 - [B] Well organised
 - [C] Un co-ordinated
 - [D] Helter-skelter
- (iii) Idiom : "Hear it on the gravevine".
- [A] Testimony
 - [B] Rumour
 - [C] Proof
 - [D] Audition

- (iv) Idiom : "Under the weather".
[A] Feeling sick
[B] Worrying that something bad may happen
[C] Having more energy on colder days
[D] Being willing to accept risks
- (v) Idiom : "When pigs fly".
[A] Very imaginative
[B] Highly unlikely to happen
[C] Nothing like it should have been
[D] Random or unpredictable outcome
- (vi) Idiom : "Hit the hay".
[A] To end in failure
[B] To go to bed in order to sleep
[C] To fall so that your body hits the ground heavily
[D] To love your work
- (vii) Idiom : "Have butterflies in one's stomach".
[A] To do a job in a rushed manner
[B] To be so angry that your stomach feels tense
[C] To be nervous
[D] To have a stomach illness
- (viii) Idiom : "Let your hair down".
[A] Become sloppy
[B] Change one's appearance
[C] Start to relax and enjoy oneself freely
[D] Show one's true nature to others
- (ix) Idiom : "To touch base".
[A] Go back to the original place
[B] Analyse the problem and find the root cause
[C] Start from the basics
[D] Renew contract with someone or something
- (x) Idiom : "The elephant in the room".
[A] To fall in a spectacular manner.
[B] An issue, person or problem that someone is trying to avoid
[C] Joking with someone
[D] Reading or hearing something from the source

6. Choose the antonym of the word given in capital letters from the following options. 1 X 2 = 2

- (i) MUNDANE
[A] Extraordinary
[B] Regular
[C] Visionary
[D] Routine

- (ii) JETTISON
[A] Salvage
[B] Submerge
[C] Repent
[D] Descend

7. Substitute one word for the following (any three) :- 1 X 3 = 3

- (i) An elderly unmarried woman.
(ii) A place where birds are kept.
(iii) A person who hates mankind.
(iv) A person who does not drink alcohol.
(v) A remedy for all diseases.

8. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions from the given options. 2

The dog was sitting _____ the table waiting _____ catch the ball that was thrown _____ him _____ his master.

- [A] below, for, to, by;
[B] under, for, towards, by;
[C] up, to, towards, by;
[D] under, to, towards, by.

9. Choose the correct answer from the given options (any four). Each question carries equal marks. 2 ½ X 4 = 10

- (i) I have several apples. I eat one and give half the remainder to Ram. I eat another and give half of what's left to you. I now have 5 apples left. How many did I start with?
[A] 24
[B] 21
[C] 23
[D] 25
- (ii) Mayur was born two years after his father's marriage. His mother is five years younger than his father but 20 years older than Mayur who is 10 years old. At what age did the father get married?
[A] 23 years
[B] 25 years
[C] 33 years

- [D] 35 years
- (iii) Today is Rohini's birthday. One year, from today she will be twice as old as she was 12 years ago. How old is Rohini today?
- [A] 20 years
[B] 22 years
[C] 25 years
[D] 27 years
- (iv) Diganta's mother is the only daughter of Monika's father. How is Monika's husband related to Diganta?
- [A] Uncle
[B] Father
[C] Grandfather
[D] Brother
- (v) A is B's sister. C is B's mother. D is C's father. E is D's mother. Then, how is A related to D?
- [A] Grandfather
[B] Grandmother
[C] Daughter
[D] Granddaughter

10. Briefly explain (any three) :

3 X 3 = 9

- (i) Doctrine of Laches.
(ii) Doctrine of Pith and Substance.
(iii) Doctrine of Cy Pres
(iv) Doctrine of Pleasure
(v) Doctrine of Necessity

11. Answer the following (any two) :

5 X 2 = 10

- (i) How are liquidated damages different from general damages? Are liquidated damages required to be proved?
- (ii) Discuss the exceptional circumstances in which a court will injunct a bank from honouring a bank guarantee issued by it in favour of a beneficiary.
- (iii) Discuss the differences between the terms : Unlawful Assembly, Rioting and Affray.
