

## HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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### NAIB- TESSILDAR (MAIN) EXAMINATION-2010 PAPER-I (GENERAL KNOWLEDGE)

TIME ALLOWED: 2.00 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

- Q.1 Who was harbinger of promotion of Bhakti cult in Himachal Pradesh?  
(A) Raja Sahil Varman (B) Raja Shail Varman  
(C) Raja Pratap Verman (D) Raja Bhalbhadra Varman
- Q.2 By whose inspiration and encouragement the people of Suket agitated against the excesses of State authorities by refusing to render 'Begar' as early as the year 1929 A.D.?  
(A) Indian National Congress  
(B) All India State People's conference  
(C) Revolutionaries of Godhar party  
(D) Bhartiya Kisan Sabha
- Q.3 Who issued orders that one Rupee and two Copper Coins be placed before the statue of God and set aside to be sent to Ayodhyaya every year?  
(A) Raja Jagat Singh of Kullu (B) Raja Bishan Singh of Guler  
(C) Raja Surajsen of Mandi (D) Raja Ishwarsen of Suket
- Q.4 Of the various tribes of Himachal Pradesh which one is most dominant?  
(A) Gujjar (B) Khampa  
(C) Gaddi (D) Kinnaura
- Q.5 From where the image of Lord Krishna was brought to Noorpur in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century?  
(A) Mathura (B) Udaipur  
(C) Chittor (D) Jodhpur
- Q.6 What is meant by Tabhagston, Kumai bhagston and Kowanchi?  
(A) Types of marriage among Lahaulis  
(B) Marriage rituals  
(C) Ornaments of Women (D) Food delicacies
- Q.7 In which fair Guru and Chela predict the events of coming year in the night before the fair concludes?  
(A) Lavi fair of Rampur Bushahr (B) Renuka fair of Sirmaur  
(C) Shivaratri Mela of Mandi (D) Nalwari fair of Bilaspur
- Q.8 What is the major speciality of Nalwari fair?  
(A) Worship of bullocks (B) Mass trading of horses and mules  
(C) Horse race (D) Bullock race

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- Q.9 What is the most significant material housed in Bhuri Singh Museum, Chamba?
- (A) Stone inscriptions and sculptures  
(B) Metal inscriptions  
(C) Documents in Persian, Punjabi and Tankari languages  
(D) Embroideries, textiles and Paintings
- Q.10 What is the significance of SALARI rock inscription of Kullu?
- (A) It gives an account of conquests of Gupt emperors Kumar Gupt and Skand Gupt  
(B) It states that Gupt emperor Chandra Gupt received military assistance from hill chiefs  
(C) It depicts exploits of Huna invaders  
(D) Praises the peace & prosperity that Himachal enjoyed during the reign of Harshavardhan
- Q.11 The Shivaliks were known to ancient geographers as :
- (A) Sumeru Parvat (B) Mainak Parvat  
(C) Kailash Parvat (D) Gandhmadan Parvat
- Q.12 At which place in Himachal Pradesh Minjar Mela and Trilokinath Mela are held?
- (A) Mandi (B) Chail  
(C) Chamba (D) Dharamshala
- Q.13 'Polyandary in Himalayas' has been authored by :
- (A) Mian Govardhan Singh (B) M.S. Ahluwalia  
(C) Shanta Kumar (D) Dr. Y.S. Parmar
- Q.14 Into how many broad ecological zones can Himachal Pradesh be divided on the basis of agro climatic conditions and physiographic variations?
- (A) Seven (B) Five  
(C) Eight (D) Four
- Q.15 In which State Batrawal Begar was prevalent upto the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century?
- (A) Sirmaur (B) Bushahr  
(C) Suket (D) Mandi
- Q.16 From area point of view which crop ranks first among all crops in Himachal Pradesh?
- (A) Maize (B) Rice  
(C) Wheat (D) Barley
- Q.17 Which is the best irrigated Area of Himachal Pradesh?
- (A) Bilaspur (B) Kangra  
(C) Chamba (D) Una
- Q.18 The region of Himachal to get benefited first of all by the efforts of Samuel stokes for apple cultivation was:
- (A) Kotgarh (B) Rampur  
(C) Shimla (D) Mandi
- Q.19 What is the common factor among Hatkoti, Nichar and Sarahan?
- (A) Orchards (B) Meadows  
(C) Places of Devi worship (D) Places of Shiva worship

- Q.20 The most famous peak of Lahaul region happen to be:  
(A) Gyephang La Peak (B) Murang La peak  
(C) Leo porgial peak (D) Ral Dang peak
- Q.21 The former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has called upon the Indian youth to start a mass movement against corruption under the banner:  
(A) What can I give (B) What can I give up  
(C) What can I perform (D) What can I forsake
- Q.22 In Reith lecture series broadcast by BBC recently, Myanmar's Nobel Laureate Dew Aung San Suu Kyi has termed her struggle as 'dissident movement', instead of 'opposition'. According to her the basic job of a dissident is :  
(A) To Fight for justice (B) To serve the truth  
(C) To enlighten the people (D) To serve the under dog
- Q.23 If analyzed logically the 2 G spectrum imbrolio is nothing but :  
(A) Metamorphosis of Indian democracy into plutocracy  
(B) Rapacious tendency of market forces  
(C) Any asset allocated preferentially is bound to change hands to realize its true value  
(D) Growing clout of corporate sector in the governance
- Q.24 Who has authored recently released much acclaimed novel "River of Smoke".?  
(A) Vikram Seth (B) Anita Desai  
(C) Amitav Ghosh (D) Jhumpa Lahiri
- Q.25 In recently published book, "Why and How CPC works in China", it has been emphasized that phenomenal growth of Chinese economy is the result of Socialist Market Economy. What is meant by it?  
(A) Market controlled by the Government  
(B) Partial control of selected sectors  
(C) Government uses macro level control mechanism to restrain blindness of the market  
(D) Regulation of imports and exports
- Q.26 In the field of Women empowerment Café- Femenino is playing a crucial role in Latin America. It is :  
(A) An NGO (B) Co-operative movement  
(C) Voluntary organisation  
(D) Environment protection Group
- Q.27 In the wake of Arab spring tensions between Turkey and Syria have surged lately because :  
(A) Turkey is advocating reforms in Syria  
(B) Given the natural disinclination to political compromise Syria is wary of Turkish proposals  
(C) Turkey has opened its doors to Syrian refugees fleeing embattled border towns  
(D) They have fundamental difference of opinion over the reconciliation in Palestine.

- Q.28 In which State that illustrious institution is situated which gets a fixed amount as prize every year from School education board for maintaining absolutely the sanctity of examinations?
- (A) Himachal Pradesh (B) Punjab  
(C) Rajasthan (D) Madhya Pradesh
- Q.29 Who holds the distinction of being honoured with 'Business Woman of the year' prize in her career among the following eminent business women?
- (A) Mallika Shrinivasan (B) Swati Peeramal  
(C) Preeta Reddy (D) Ashwini Biyani
- Q.30 The members of Arctic Council may be talking of co-operation publicly but they are preparing for conflict, signalling a return to cold war especially because :
- (A) There is a lack of comprehensive agreement on who owns what in the region.  
(B) U.S.A. is trying to put itself at the centre of the debate about the future of the far-north  
(C) A cold rush is underway to exploit more readily accessible natural resources.  
(D) Russian flag was placed on the sea bed of Arctic ocean at a depth of 13980 feet below the North Pole.
- Q.31 A British newspaper of long standing which was at the centre of a storm over allegations of wide spread illegal phone hacking has been closed down. Name the news paper to meet such inglorious end.
- (A) London evening standard (B) Daily Mirror  
(C) Sunday Mirror (D) News of the World
- Q.32 On which matter Supreme Court has concluded its order in the following manner, "the Constitution is most certainly not a pact for national suicide".
- (A) Counter insurgency strategy of Chhattisgarh Government  
(B) Measures adopted by West Bengal Government to curb Maoist Violence  
(C) Highhandedness in acquiring fertile land of farmers by Uttar Pradesh Government  
(D) Allotment of jungle land to POSCO by Odissa Government inspite of public outcry against it
- Q.33 During 'MCC spirit of Cricket' lecture delivered a short while ago, which Sri Lankan player highlighted Cricket's transformative power' in his strife torn land?
- (A) Sanat Jaisurya (B) Murlidharan  
(C) Muthaiyya (D) Kumar Sangkara
- Q.34 What factor guided the decision to keep the riches of Shri Padamnabh Swami Temple in underground Vaults lined by granite blocks?
- (A) Fear of pilferage (B) Fear of robbery  
(C) Fear of fire (D) Fear of seizure

- Q.35 A person climbing a mountain bends forward :  
 (A) To reduce fatigue (B) To avoid slipping  
 (C) To increase speed (D) To increase stability
- Q.36 Which tree releases maximum oxygen in the atmosphere?  
 (A) Deodar (B) Neem  
 (C) Peepal (D) Gulmohar
- Q.37 Diabetes is caused by the malfunctioning of :  
 (A) Liver (B) Pancreas  
 (C) Kidney (D) Lungs
- Q.38 The main symptoms of which common medical problem are coughing, tight feeling in the chest and shortness of breath?  
 (A) Coronary blockage (B) Tuberculosis  
 (C) Asthma (D) Pneumonia
- Q.39 What is the nationality of Sepp Blatter, who was unanimously reelected the head of FIFA, a short while ago ?  
 (A) Swiss (B) Norwegian  
 (C) Spanish (D) German
- Q.40 Which sporting Star's line of designer clothing is called 'Aneres'?  
 (A) Petra Kvitova (B) Serena Williams  
 (C) Sania Mirza (D) Sayna Nehwal
- Q.41 Mayookha Johnny won a Gold Medal at the recently concluded Asian athletics championship for :  
 (A) Cycling (B) Long Jump  
 (C) Hurdle race (D) High Jump
- Q.42 Recently European Union has taken a substantial step to help three South Asian Countries. That step happens to be :  
 (A) To mitigate the adverse impact of climate change.  
 (B) Liberal low interest credit to boost their economy  
 (C) To provide help to expand and improve health care system in rural areas  
 (D) To improve the food security of small farmers by identifying innovative farming practices.
- Q.43 Apart from its official name, Bhutan is also nicknamed as :  
 (A) Hidden Kingdom (B) Concealed Kingdom  
 (C) Remote Kingdom (D) Forbidden Kingdom
- Q.44 Which cricket playing nation celebrates Waitangi day?  
 (A) West Indies (B) Newzeland  
 (C) South Africa (D) Australia
- Q.45 Top U.K. award for "Medical Team in crisis zone", announced recently has been bagged by a team of doctors for its flood relief work in Bihar. This team of dedicated doctors is known as :  
 (A) Doctors for you (B) Doctors with difference  
 (C) Doctors at your door (D) Doctors with a mission
- Q.46 In spite of the controversy surrounding him Dr. Vinayaksen has been included in a key Committee by the Planning Commission because:  
 (A) He is a reputed public health specialist

- (B) He is a Veteran of working in rural areas  
 (C) His rich experience of health care in tribal areas shall prove beneficial for formulating health policy  
 (D) He has first hand knowledge of rural impoverishment and health problems
- Q.47 Severe internal dissensions and turmoil have so enfeebled an African Country that even the salaries of its parliamentarians are being paid by the European Union. That Country is :  
 (A) Sudan (B) Somalia  
 (C) Chad (D) Ivory Coast
- Q.48 Which Company has set a milestone in R and D by launching India's first music enabled refrigerator with FM radio and MP3 player?  
 (A) Videocon (B) Godrej  
 (C) Whirlpool (D) Kelvinator
- Q.49 Among the least developed Countries only one is in the Western hemisphere and that one is :  
 (A) Puetorico (B) Uruguay  
 (C) Haiti (D) Columbia
- Q.50 During meticulous planning of raid on Osama bin Laden's hide out, possibility of negative scenario of Black Hawk Down was often mentioned by senior U.S. officials. It referred to :  
 (A) 1993 battle in Somalia (B) Bay of pigs fiasco  
 (C) Failed mission to rescue hostages in Iran  
 (D) U-2 Episode
- Q.51 Which country observes every year June 22 as the day of 'Memory and Sorrow' for the devastation it suffered in the second World War?  
 (A) France (B) Norway  
 (C) Russia (D) Belgium
- Q.52 According to a survey carried out by Geological Survey of India, a new gold field has been discovered at Ghatol, where this metal shall be available at a depth of 1000 feet only. Ghatol is situated in :  
 (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Odissa  
 (C) Chhattisgarh (D) Rajasthan
- Q.53 Which country is to soon operate the CRH 380- A series trains, considered the fastest and safest?  
 (A) Japan (B) Singapore  
 (C) China (D) France
- Q.54 Why does Indian Cricket Captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni prefer his shirt number to be 7 ?  
 (A) Numerologically it is an auspicious number  
 (B) Festival of Vijay Dashmi falls in the seventh month of Indian calender  
 (C) His date of birth falls in the seventh month of Christian era  
 (D) It represents Saptrishi Mandal
- Q.55 Which state is the first one in the country to initiate a water resources information system through a Web portal?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Madhya Pradesh  
(C) Haryana (D) Gujarat
- Q.56 In its verdict on Salwa Judum the Supreme Court has :  
(A) Chastised the neoliberal policies of the State  
(B) Prescribed a course correction  
(C) Showed affiliation towards a particular ideology  
(D) Expressed its displeasure over the damaging consequences of neoliberal policies
- Q.57 Among the following which factor is considered mainly responsible for globe's warming?  
(A) Green House effect (B) Forest fire  
(C) Jhoom farming (D) Radio activity
- Q.58 On the eve of 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of unification of Italy, statue of which great Indian personality is being installed at a prime location in the historical city of Rome?  
(A) Sri Aurobindo (B) Swami Vivekananda  
(C) Lord Buddha (D) Ravindranath Tagore
- Q.59 In India indigence has been defined on the basis of :  
(A) Living standard of the people (B) Family income  
(C) Intake of callory (D) Number of family Members
- Q.60 A short while ago which Country has exposed huge loopholes in international criminal law by announcing a \$ 529 million contract for an 800 strong force of foreign mercenaries to defend its important installations?  
(A) United Arab Emirates (B) Bahrain  
(C) Saudi Arabia (D) Syria
- Q.61 During our struggle against the colonial rule who depicted the miserable condition of Indian villages in the following manner :  
"Today our villages are half dead. If we imagine we can just continue to live, that would be a mistake. The dying can pull the living only towards death". indiresult.in whatsapp - 9352018749  
(A) Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya (B) Ravindranath Tagore  
(C) Bal Gangadhar Tilak (D) Jaiprakash Narayan
- Q.62 In the Indian film world who held the distinction of winning a Grand Prix award at Cannes Film Festival with his maiden directorial venture?  
(A) V. Shanta Ram (B) Bimal Roy  
(C) Chetan Anand (D) Satyjit Ray
- Q.63 Who has applauded Mahatma Gandhi's staunch defence of oriental culture against the severe onslaught of Western Culture in the following manner?

पुत्री जाती श्री शर्मा मशरूक की मगरूक की आंधी से  
उम्मीदें रोशनी कायम है लेकिन माई गांधी से ।

- (A) Akbar Allahabadi (B) Josh Malihabadi  
(C) Josh Malsiyani (D) Safi Lakhnavi
- Q.64 By whom archaeological sites mentioned in the Ramayan and Mahabharat were discovered ?  
(A) Bhagvatsharan Upadhyaya (B) B.B. Lal  
(C) Hasmukh Dhee Sankliya (D) Dayananda Sahni
- Q.65 Who accompanied Bhagat Singh when he hurled a bomb in the central assembly?  
(A) Batukeshwar Dutt (B) Sukhdev  
(C) Raj Guru (D) Sachindra Sanyal
- Q.66 The founder of Khudai Khidmatgar organization was :  
(A) Sikandar Hayat Khan (B) Khan Mamdot  
(C) Doctor Khan (D) Badshah Khan
- Q.67 All round impoverishment of India under British rule was revealed through the "Drain theory" propounded by :  
(A) Madhav Govind Ranade (B) Gopal Krishana Gokhle  
(C) Dada Bhai Naoroji (D) S.N. Banerji
- Q.68 The Indian leader who was exiled to Mandaley for launching a mass movement against colonization, was :  
(A) Lokmanya Tilak (B) Lala Lajpat Rai  
(C) Sardar Ajeet Singh (D) Baba Sohan Singh Bhakua
- Q.69 What is the significance of Article 361 of the Indian Constitution in the governance of Indian republic?  
(A) It gives unfettered powers to the Election Commission  
(B) Confers immunity from criminal proceedings to the President and State Governors  
(C) Elaborates the powers and functions of Comptroller and Auditor General of India  
(D) Expounds privileges of members of parliament
- Q.70 Who has stated that " thinking about weal of India was like oxygen" for Swami Vivekananda?  
(A) Mahatma Gandhi (B) Sister Nivedita  
(C) Sister Gargi (D) Sri Aurobindo
- Q.71 Article 355 of the Constitution States that :  
(A) Union Government shall ensure that every State Government acts in accordance with the Constitution.  
(B) States shall eschew any kind of parochialism  
(C) Union shall nip in the bud fissiparous tendencies  
(D) States shall make optimum use of Central assistance
- Q.72 In order to ameliorate the pathetic condition of rural India who advocated 'Ethical Model' of production?  
(A) Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya (B) Minoo Masani  
(C) Ravindranath Tagore (D) Acharya Narendra Deo



- Q.73 What is the core objective of Directive principles of State policy?  
 (A) To provide guidance to the States  
 (B) To help the policy formulators in determining the priorities  
 (C) To provide theoretical basis for welfare schemes  
 (D) To make the Constitution a wheel for social change
- Q.74 For how many times Preamble of the Constitution has been amended ?  
 (A) Once (B) Twice  
 (C) Thrice (D) Never
- Q.75 Which power the President enjoys under Article 85 ?  
 (A) To grant pardon (B) To confer civil honours  
 (C) To dissolve Loksabha (D) To prorogue Parliament
- Q.76 Who made this comment about the Directive Principles of State Policy that " it is such a cheque whose payment depends upon the convenience of the bank" ?  
 (A) H.V. Kamath (B) K.T. Shah  
 (C) S.N. Sinha (D) T.T. Krishnamachari
- Q.77 In the matter of inheritance of property which Smritikar has given right to dowager after the son?  
 (A) Vrahspati (B) Narad  
 (C) Manu (D) Katyayan
- Q.78 Among the following which one is the highest foreign exchange earner for India ?  
 (A) Sugarcane (B) Jute  
 (C) Tobacco (D) Tea
- Q.79 What was the principal grievance of farmers during the champaran Satyagraha of 1917 A.D.?  
 (A) Illegal Taxes (B) Tinkatiya system  
 (C) Repressive behaviour of zamindars  
 (D) Excessive Land revenue
- Q.80 What has been promised by Lord Krishna in Shrimad Bhagvad Geeta by declaring " संभवामि युगे युगे " ?  
 (A) Proction of virtuous (B) Elimination of viceous  
 (C) Establishment of Dharma (D) All the above
- Q.81 "Vishnu Sahsrnam" depicting the glory of Lord Vishnu is a part of :  
 (A) Mahabharat (B) Bhagvat Puran  
 (C) Vishnu Puran (D) Padma Puran
- Q.82 According to latest announcement made by the central government how much money can be invested in the domestic mutual fund by qualified foreign investors?  
 (A) Rs. 45,000 Crores (B) Rs. 50,000 Crores  
 (C) Rs. 40,000 Crores (D) Rs. 35,000 Crores
- Q.83 Mahatma Gandhi was nominated for Nobel peace prize five times but it was not awarded to him, for:  
 (A) He was not interested in it.

- (B) He declined it because it was associated with the inventor of dynamite  
 (C) Nobel Committee was scared of British government  
 (D) Racial prejudice of Europe was a stumbling block
- Q.84 Dandi, the focus of famous Dandi March undertaken by Mahatma Gandhi, is situated in the vicinity of town of:  
 (A) Khambhat (B) Navsari  
 (C) Bharuch (D) Ankleshwar
- Q.85 Name the devout poet who has depicted 'Bal Leela' of Kanha in an enchanting manner :  
 (A) Meera Bai (B) Raskhan  
 (C) Taj Bibi (D) Soor Das
- Q.86 In modern India who was hailed as "Lokmata" by Ravindranath Tagore ?  
 (A) Sister Nivedita (B) Kastoorba  
 (C) Bhuvneshvari Devi (D) Maa Sharda
- Q.87 The ritual of bringing out newly born child four months after his birth for 'Soorya Darshan' is known as :  
 (A) Nam Karan (B) Jat Karma  
 (C) Punsvan (D) Nishkraman
- Q.88 Sant Kabeer award is given to :  
 (A) Engravers (B) Handloom weavers  
 (C) Sculptors (D) Painters
- Q.89 Although she earned fame as Lakshmee Bai (Rani of Jhansi) in history but she was rechristened so after her marriage. Her real name was :  
 (A) Mangla Gauri (B) Manu  
 (C) Mani Karnika (D) Madhvee
- Q.90 After the martyrdom of Chandra Shekhar Azad in which area of Allahabad police tried to cremate him hurriedly to deceive the people?  
 (A) Dara Ganj (B) Rasoalabad  
 (C) Muttee Ganj (D) Sangam
- Q.91 To which state belonged M. Annpurna Devi, who was the first ever woman to donate her entire gold ornaments to Mahatma Gandhi when he toured the State?  
 (A) Tamilnadu (B) Uttar Pradesh  
 (C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Karnataka
- Q.92 Renowned painter M.F. Hussain was born at :  
 (A) Patna (B) Pandharpur  
 (C) Patiala (D) Indore
- Q.93 In the month of May, 1913 the first full length Indian feature film was screened in Mumbai's coronation Cinema hall. Name that pioneering flick :  
 (A) Ram Rajya (B) Raja Harishchandra  
 (C) Bhakta Dhruv (D) Vishva Mohini
- Q.94 which ceremony was held to signal the Indian National Army's determination to March to the Red Fort in Delhi ?  
 (A) Worship of image of Bharatmata

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- (B) Homage to the Martyrs of first war of Independence
- (C) Parade and Prayer at the tomb of Bahadur Shah Zafar
- (D) Recital of Vande Matram and flag hoisting of provisional Government

- Q.95 When did Mahatma Gandhi observe that "America and Britain are very great nations but their greatness will count as dust before the bar of dumb humanity, whether African or Asian" ?
- (A) During his conversation with Louis Fischer
  - (B) In an article published in young India
  - (C) In a letter addressed to viceroy Lin lithgo
  - (D) During his meeting with Chinese President Chiang Kai Shek
- Q.96 Mahatma Gandhi's name is associated primarily with Satya Graha because:
- (A) He propounded this concept
  - (B) He elaborated the concept of Satyagraha
  - (C) He demonstrated the potency of Satyagraha for the solution of 'individual and public problems
  - (D) Both 'A' and 'B'
- Q.97 Among the following which one was admitted by Mahatma Gandhi as the only source of his strength?
- (A) Faith in Almighty God
  - (B) Faith in Truth
  - (C) Awareness of own limitations
  - (D) Observance of non-violence
- Q.98 Which early 20<sup>th</sup> century nationalist leader had asserted that, "The sword of warrior is as necessary to the fulfillment of justice and righteousness as the holiness of the Saint".
- (A) Sri Aurobindo
  - (B) Vipinchandra Pal
  - (C) Lala Lajpat Rai
  - (D) Lokmanya Tilak
- Q.99 On which score Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's mastery impressed Mahatma Gandhi most?
- (A) Organising skill
  - (B) Inspiring leadership
  - (C) Making Hindu- Muslim unity top political priority.
  - (D) Unflinching devotion for the motherland
- Q.100 Name the momentous occasion when the political activists did fly the congress tri colour and Muslim League's Green flag side by side ?
- (A) On the eve of Lucknow pact
  - (B) During Khilafat movement
  - (C) During the Red Fort trial of INA's officers.
  - (D) After the martyrdom of Ashfaqullah Khan