Meghalaya

Advanced MCQ practice

24 original MCQs + explained answers

State GK and state-linked general studies, in one PDF.

Higher level: chronology, statements, evidence checks, data interpretation and policy applications. A bridge towards graduate-level state-service preparation.

These are original practice questions, not previous-year questions or an official mock. This focused first collection does not replace an exam-specific syllabus.

Language: English. Core focus: history, geography, heritage, governance, development, environment and institutions.

This edition emphasises stable concepts. It is not a current-affairs digest; verify changing schemes, office-holders, district boundaries and budget figures separately.

How to use this book

Attempt every item before opening the answers. Record uncertain answers and revise the explanation. One correct option per question; no official marking scheme is implied.

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What the exam research tells us

Entry-level exam evidence

The 15 July 2025 LDA advertisement lists English, GK/current affairs, aptitude, reasoning and basic computer in MCQ format. This supports mixed foundation practice for that recruitment, not a universal Group C pattern. Our book supplements Meghalaya GK and selected skills; it does not reproduce the official subject weights. [EX1]

Higher-level exam evidence

The 23 September 2026 MCS notification details essay, GS and a Meghalaya mains paper. State units cover history; polity; society, economy and development; culture, heritage and literature; geography. The official PDF was retrieved and read. This collection samples these areas rather than providing full syllabus coverage. [EX2]

Three editorial levels

Basic uses direct recall and one-step tasks. Advanced adds statements, chronology, evidence and short calculations. Mains includes eight analytical prompts, model answers and suggested 10-mark rubrics. These difficulty labels, timings and word targets are editorial choices. All questions are original; no previous-paper frequency analysis is claimed.

State focus and sources

Coverage links statehood and resistance history with district councils, matriliny, festivals, living root bridges, sacred groves, Nokrek, rivers and rainfall. Official government, district, tourism, biodiversity and UNESCO sources anchor facts. Development proposals and sample datasets are editorial exercises. Biosphere recognition and UNESCO tentative listing are different mechanisms.

Limits and revision

Checked 29 October 2026. Verify changing schemes, office-holders, boundaries and recruitment instructions separately. These books supplement exam-specific study and current affairs. Source titles are clickable; facts are paraphrased. Historical descriptions are not current field surveys or travel advice. Apply actual rules to administrative cases.

Try first - check answers later

01 / Political chronology

Which sequence correctly orders Meghalaya's political stages?

A. Full statehood in 1970, then autonomy in 1972
B. Both began in 1947
C. Autonomous state in 1970, then full statehood in 1972
D. Both began in 1960

02 / Resistance history

Which matching is supported by the cited sources?

A. U Tirot Sing - Jaintiapur; U Kiang Nangbah - Mysore
B. U Tirot Sing - Mysore; U Kiang Nangbah - Bengal partition
C. U Tirot Sing - Meerut; U Kiang Nangbah - Dandi
D. U Tirot Sing - Nongkhlaw; U Kiang Nangbah - Jaintia resistance

03 / Constitutional institutions

Which statement about Meghalaya ADCs is supported?

A. Every ordinary district is a separate ADC
B. They replace every function of the state government
C. They are simply alternative names for municipal boards
D. They operate under the Sixth Schedule framework

Try first - check answers later

04 / Institutional coordination

Which approach best handles a proposed local project involving several authorities?

A. Assume every local body has identical powers
B. Let an informal sponsor determine legal competence
C. Bypass every consultation to avoid disagreement
D. Establish jurisdiction and coordinate the responsible institutions

05 / Matriliny and equality

Which conclusion follows most carefully from evidence of matrilineal descent?

A. Women necessarily control every public institution
B. No household can experience gender disadvantage
C. All customary rules are identical across communities
D. Descent follows the maternal line; wider equality needs separate evidence

06 / Festival matching

Which set is correctly matched?

A. Wangala - Garo; Nongkrem - Pnar; Behdienkhlam - Khasi
B. Wangala - Garo; Nongkrem - Khasi; Behdienkhlam - Pnar
C. Wangala - Pnar; Nongkrem - Khasi; Behdienkhlam - Garo
D. Wangala - Khasi; Nongkrem - Garo; Behdienkhlam - Pnar

Try first - check answers later

07 / Living root systems

Why should living root bridge maintenance consider both biology and infrastructure?

A. Biological growth removes all need for inspection
B. The roots are purely decorative over identical steel frames
C. The crossing depends on living roots and safe structural function
D. A living structure cannot suffer damage

08 / Heritage recognition

Which statement correctly distinguishes UNESCO mechanisms?

A. A cultural-landscape submission is a Ramsar designation
B. Tentative listing proves final inscription
C. Nokrek MAB recognition differs from a root bridge tentative listing
D. Every biosphere reserve is automatically a World Heritage site

09 / Community knowledge

Which plan best safeguards root bridge knowledge?

A. Paid intergenerational training with community consent
B. Replacing all local decisions with visitor preferences
C. Uncredited extraction of knowledge for publicity
D. Documenting images while preventing continued practice

Try first - check answers later

10 / Sacred groves

What is the strongest conservation lesson from Mawphlang?

A. Community institutions and cultural values can support forest care
B. Sacred status eliminates the need for ecological monitoring
C. Every forest is managed under identical customary rules
D. Tourism revenue alone establishes biodiversity recovery

11 / Wild citrus

Why can protecting wild citrus in its habitat matter?

A. It eliminates all need for research or monitoring
B. It conserves genetic resources and ecological relationships
C. It makes cultivated crop diversity irrelevant
D. It guarantees every commercial variety is disease-proof

12 / Site matching

Which pair is accurate?

A. Umiam - coral reef; Umngot - desert basin
B. Nokrek - coastal lagoon; Balpakram - sea island
C. Mawphlang - glacier; Sohra - salt pan
D. Umiam - reservoir; Umngot - Dawki river setting

Try first - check answers later

13 / Rainfall and water supply

Why need high-rainfall areas still assess seasonal water security?

A. Timing, runoff, storage, demand and quality affect usable supply
B. Every household receives equal water automatically
C. Annual rainfall alone proves uninterrupted safe supply
D. Heavy rainfall means all slopes retain the same water

14 / River-quality evidence

A photo shows transparent Umngot water. What can it establish by itself?

A. Visual conditions at a place and time, not drinking-water safety
B. A complete catchment pollution inventory
C. Year-round water quality at all locations
D. Absence of every microbial contaminant

15 / Visitor management

Which measure best addresses pressure on a sensitive grove or bridge?

A. Allow unrestricted access to every fragile area
B. Assess site limits and involve custodians in visitor rules
C. Assume a single limit suits all sites
D. Use visitor growth as the only objective

Try first - check answers later

16 / Programme evaluation

Training participants report higher earnings. What strengthens an impact claim?

A. Discarding records for unsuccessful participants
B. Treating enrolment as identical to income gain
C. A before-after testimonial alone
D. Baseline and comparison evidence plus checks for other causes

17 / Seasonal data

Practice rainfall is 800, 600 and 400 mm over three months. What share falls in the first month?

A. 33.33% approximately
B. 50%
C. 44.44% approximately
D. 40%

18 / Weighted mean

A sample course has 20 learners averaging 55 and 30 averaging 75. What is the combined average?

A. 70
B. 67
C. 65
D. 68

Try first - check answers later

19 / Successive change

A sample visitor fee rises 25% and is then reduced 20%. What is the net change?

A. No change
B. 5% increase
C. 5% decrease
D. 10% increase

20 / Budget ratio

A sample Rs 15 lakh grant is split 2:3 between training and maintenance. What goes to maintenance?

A. Rs 9 lakh
B. Rs 10 lakh
C. Rs 7.5 lakh
D. Rs 6 lakh

21 / Logical inference

All inspected structures have condition reports. Bridge X has a report. What must follow?

A. No inspected structure has a report
B. X may or may not have been inspected
C. X must have been inspected
D. X cannot have been inspected

Try first - check answers later

22 / Digital records

Which practice best protects a local-project spreadsheet?

A. Publish personal identity documents openly
B. Invent missing costs to balance the sheet
C. Validate inputs and reconcile totals with source records
D. Remove all revision history

23 / Exam research

The 2025 LDA notice includes basic computer. What is the sound preparation conclusion?

A. This GK collection fully replaces the advertised syllabus
B. Include digital literacy while checking the relevant later notices
C. Computer knowledge is absent from every Meghalaya exam
D. The same subject weights apply to all recruitments

24 / Ethical administration

A sponsor asks an officer to favour a relative for a community grant. What is the best response?

A. Approve immediately because the sponsor is influential
B. Destroy the application without recording reasons
C. Apply published criteria and disclose any conflict
D. Publish unverified allegations about the applicant

Answer key + explanations

01 / Answer C

Autonomous state in 1970, then full statehood in 1972. The government profile gives 2 April 1970 and 21 January 1972 as distinct milestones.

Evidence: H1

02 / Answer D

U Tirot Sing - Nongkhlaw; U Kiang Nangbah - Jaintia resistance. Use the leaders' specific regional contexts rather than treating all resistance movements as identical.

Evidence: H2, H3

03 / Answer D

They operate under the Sixth Schedule framework. The councils are constitutionally recognised institutions with specified functions, not all-purpose substitutes.

Evidence: P1

04 / Answer D

Establish jurisdiction and coordinate the responsible institutions. Responsibilities and applicable powers must be identified before approvals and implementation.

Evidence: P1; editorial governance application

Answer key + explanations

05 / Answer D

Descent follows the maternal line; wider equality needs separate evidence. A lineage system alone cannot establish outcomes in every social or political sphere.

Evidence: P2; editorial social analysis

06 / Answer B

Wangala - Garo; Nongkrem - Khasi; Behdienkhlam - Pnar. The sources distinguish these traditions and their cultural settings.

Evidence: C1, C2, C3

07 / Answer C

The crossing depends on living roots and safe structural function. The bridges are living, community-shaped structures; safe use requires site-specific care.

Evidence: N1, N2; editorial application

08 / Answer C

Nokrek MAB recognition differs from a root bridge tentative listing. Different programmes have different procedures and purposes.

Evidence: N1, N3

Answer key + explanations

09 / Answer A

Paid intergenerational training with community consent. Transmission requires practitioners, fair terms and continued care.

Evidence: N1, N2; editorial heritage application

10 / Answer A

Community institutions and cultural values can support forest care. The example supports attention to local institutions without universalising their rules or outcomes.

Evidence: N5; editorial environmental reasoning

11 / Answer B

It conserves genetic resources and ecological relationships. Wild relatives can hold valuable variation; conservation does not establish universal crop traits.

Evidence: N3; editorial biological application

12 / Answer D

Umiam - reservoir; Umngot - Dawki river setting. Umiam's dammed origin differs from the river setting of Umngot.

Evidence: G1, G2

Answer key + explanations

13 / Answer A

Timing, runoff, storage, demand and quality affect usable supply. Rainfall totals and reliable access measure different things.

Evidence: G3 for climatic setting; editorial hydrology

14 / Answer A

Visual conditions at a place and time, not drinking-water safety. Safety and trends require appropriate sampling, methods and context.

Evidence: G2 for river context; editorial evidence judgement

15 / Answer B

Assess site limits and involve custodians in visitor rules. Management should respond to ecology, structural condition and community responsibilities.

Evidence: N1, N5; editorial planning

16 / Answer D

Baseline and comparison evidence plus checks for other causes. A programme's effect must be distinguished from wider changes and selection effects.

Evidence: Editorial evaluation scenario

Answer key + explanations

17 / Answer C

44.44% approximately. Total = 1,800 mm; 800/1,800 x 100 is approximately 44.44%.

Evidence: Editorial hypothetical data

18 / Answer B

67. (20 x 55 + 30 x 75)/50 = 67.

Evidence: Editorial arithmetic

19 / Answer A

No change. 1.25 x 0.80 = 1.00. Successive percentages use different bases.

Evidence: Editorial arithmetic

20 / Answer A

Rs 9 lakh. Maintenance receives three of five parts: 15 x 3/5 = Rs 9 lakh.

Evidence: Editorial arithmetic

Answer key + explanations

21 / Answer B

X may or may not have been inspected. The premise gives a necessary condition, not the converse implication.

Evidence: Editorial reasoning

22 / Answer C

Validate inputs and reconcile totals with source records. Validation and an audit trail support accuracy; personal data also require protection.

Evidence: Editorial digital-governance application

23 / Answer B

Include digital literacy while checking the relevant later notices. A specific recruitment document informs preparation within its scope.

Evidence: EX1

24 / Answer C

Apply published criteria and disclose any conflict. Impartial, documented decisions protect both fairness and accountability.

Evidence: Editorial ethics scenario

Source register

Source IDs beside answers map to the links below. Blue source titles are clickable. Research checked 29 October 2026.

EX1 / Meghalaya PSC: LDA advertisement, 15 July 2025, selection subjects

mpsc.meghalaya.gov.in

EX2 / Government: detailed MCS mains syllabus, 23 September 2026

meghalaya.gov.in

H1 / Government portal: autonomous state, statehood and Shillong

www.meghalaya.gov.in

H2 / Eastern West Khasi Hills: U Tirot Sing and Nongkhlaw

easternwestkhasihills.meghalaya.gov.in

H3 / PIB: U Kiang Nangbah and resistance in Jaintia Hills

www.pib.gov.in

P1 / District Council Affairs: three ADCs and their framework

megdca.gov.in

P2 / Government development framework: matrilineal descent

mbda.gov.in

C1 / Government portal: Wangala, Garo harvest festival

meghalaya.gov.in

Source register

Source IDs beside answers map to the links below. Blue source titles are clickable. Research checked 29 October 2026.

C2 / Government portal: Nongkrem dance festival at Smit

meghalaya.gov.in

C3 / Government portal: Behdienkhlam festival at Jowai

meghalaya.gov.in

N1 / UNESCO Tentative List: living root bridge cultural landscapes

whc.unesco.org

N2 / Meghalaya Biodiversity Board: living root bridges

megbiodiversity.nic.in

N3 / UNESCO Man and the Biosphere: Nokrek

www.unesco.org

N4 / Meghalaya Biodiversity Board: protected areas

megbiodiversity.nic.in

N5 / Meghalaya Tourism: Mawphlang sacred grove

www.meghalayatourism.in

G1 / Ri Bhoi district: Umiam reservoir

ribhoi.gov.in

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G2 / Meghalaya Tourism: Umngot River and Dawki region

www.meghalayatourism.in

G3 / Meghalaya House: climate, Sohra and Mawsynram

www.meghalayahousedelhi.nic.in

Read sources in context

EX1 is a dated advertisement for LDA under Heads of Department; later notices and the relevant recruitment rules must also be checked. EX2 is the detailed September 2026 MCS mains syllabus. Questions and marks here are editorial practice.

N1 is a UNESCO tentative-list submission, not evidence of World Heritage inscription. N3 concerns the Man and the Biosphere programme. Recognition under one mechanism does not automatically establish recognition under another.

No rainfall superlative or current ecological statistic is inferred from promotional descriptions. Clear-looking water is not proof of drinking-water safety. Sample figures, calculations, policy proposals and marking rubrics are original practice material.