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NO. OF QUESTIONS: 119
MAX. MARKS: 300
TIME: 180 min

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Read all the following instructions carefully before answering questions.

1. This Question Paper -I consists of two sections viz Descriptive and Multiple Choice
2. This Descriptive type Question Paper – is Section I, consists of 4 questions and the mark is indicated against each question.
3. This Multiple Choice Question Paper – is Section II from 5 to 119
4. Booklet carries 12 pages
5. Fill your Roll No., Group., Test Booklet No. Booklet Series clearly without any overwriting and without any omission or discrepancy, else will render the Answer Sheet liable for rejection.
6. Darken only ONE Choice with Black Ball Pen from the four options marked a, b, c or d on the OMR sheet provided. Answer, once marked, should not be changed, as erasing or overwriting will be treated as multiple marking and no marks will be awarded for such answers.
7. The instructions on the OMR Sheet should be followed carefully.
8. Each question in Section II carries 2 marks.
9. All questions are compulsory.
10. Only filled OMR sheet will be accepted as an answer script.
11. Sheets for rough work is provided in the Question Booklet at the end.
12. Candidate should allocate their time judiciously to all the questions.

Section I
ESSAY, PRECIS, PARAGRAPH AND DRAFTING

Question 1.

Write an essay in about 500 words on any one of the following topics

[30 Marks]

- (a) Police Force is vital for the progress and prosperity of India
- (b) Outcome of COP 26 held at Glasgow – Implications for India
- (c) 50 years of Meghalaya – past, present and future
- (d) Covid 19 pandemic and its impact on our economy
- (e) Credibility of Indian print and electronic media

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Question 2.

Make a precis of the following passage not exceeding one-third of its length and suggest a suitable title. Democracy which postulates enlightenment, is by and large, a blessing and illiteracy, which implies ignorance, is therefore, a menace. How can the two co-exist? Democracy assumes that the people have a high degree of political consciousness, a fair degree of education and intelligence a continuous interest in public affairs, and a full, abiding realisation of the duties and responsibilities of true citizenship. For all these qualities, literacy is indispensable; where there is illiteracy, the basic conditions for the success of a democratic set-up do not exist.

[20 Marks]

Again, democracy is Government by discussion, response and consent. Where there is no discussion, no free exchange of views, and no freedom of expression which enables uninhibited exchange of views, there cannot be real democracy. These factors also presume the existence of literacy, how can there be discussion, debate and a free exchange of views on public affairs when the people are not literate and do not possess the basic qualifications, as well as a fair standard of intelligence which come with literacy and education?

There cannot be any democracy where there is no education, though there could be education- even a high degree of it – even where there is no democracy, as in countries where there is dictatorship, arbitrary and authoritarian rule.

Dissent there always will be wherever there is a sizeable society comprising people of different shades of opinion, having different approaches to life and sharp inequalities – social, economic or political. Democracy assumes that people are fully aware of the value of dissent and differences of opinion, and they also know that all forms of non-violent dissent should be tolerated in a democratic order. Tolerance of other's opinions is essential to a democracy, while dogmatism, suppression of dissent and intolerance cannot be allowed in a democracy.

Democracy can flourish only in a society where there is equality in law and where discriminations on various grounds such as sex, religion, caste and economic status are illegal. Fundamental rights are exercisable where there is a full sense of responsibility, because absolute freedom of action or expression is absolute nonsense. So there must be reciprocity, for which also there should be an educational background, that is, a fairly high standard of literacy.

Question 3.

Write a paragraph in about 125 words on any of the following statements.

[10 Marks]

- (i) It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness
- (ii) Cowards die many times before their death
- (iii) Is censorship of internet necessary
- (iv) Sustainable development for our green future
- (e) Credibility of Indian print and electronic media

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Question 4.

Write a letter in about 125 words to the Officer In Charge of a Police Station complaining that a nuisance of drunkards/ drunkenness is increasing day by day in a certain locality.

[10 Marks]

OR
Write a letter to the Editor of a local English daily newspaper highlighting about traffic jam becoming a routine affair in Shillong or Tura or Jowai.

Do not write your Name or Roll No or any other word by which you may be identifiable.

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Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

An old man with steel rimmed spectacles and very dusty clothes sat by the side of the road. There was a pontoon bridge across the river and carts, trucks, and men, women and children were crossing it. The mule drawn carts staggered up the steel bank from the bridge with soldiers helping to push against the spokes of the wheels. The trucks ground up and away heading out of it all. The peasants plodded along in the ankle deep dust. But the old man sat there without moving.

5. Why was he sitting there?

- A. To admire the natural scenery
- B. To watch the people passing by
- C. Because he was so tired that he couldn't go any further
- D. Waiting for somebody

6. Who were helping to push the mule drawn carts?

- A. Mules
- B. The villagers
- C. The horses
- D. Soldiers

7. What was the old man wearing?

- A. Steel rimmed spectacles
- B. An old shirt and pant
- C. Very dusty clothes
- D. Steel rimmed spectacles and very dusty clothes

8. Mention those who crossed the bridge other than human beings.

- A. Mules and horses
- B. Men, women and children
- C. Carts and trucks
- D. Soldiers and carts

9. Where was the old man sitting?

- A. In the cart
- B. Over the bridge
- C. By the side of the road
- D. On the banks of the river

Choose the correct parts of speech for the underlined word from the list given in the options.

10. However, there are a number of places and events that really must be seen and enjoyed if you are in Shillong.

- A. Verb
- B. Preposition
- C. Conjunction
- D. Interjection

11. I'd like to thank you all for attending today's meeting

- A. Verb
- B. Preposition
- C. Conjunction
- D. Interjection

12. Many donations are given anonymously to charity every day.

- A. Adverb
- B. Adjective
- C. Verb
- D. Pronoun

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate form of the verb.

13. One of my best friends _____ moving to Delhi

- A. are
- B. is
- C. did
- D. have

14. Karim is the only one of those students who _____ lived up to the potential described in the year book.

- A. is
- B. has
- C. have
- D. having

Fill in the blanks with appropriate article.

15. Srinagar is ___ Venice of the East

- A. a B. an
C. the D. none of the above

16. Honesty is ___ best policy

- A. a B. an
C. the D. none of the above

17. We expect the train to be ___ hour late

- A. a B. an
C. the D. none of the above

18. He gave me ___ copy of the news magazine

- A. a B. an
C. the D. none of the above

19. ___ uncle of mine sent me this book

- A. a B. an
C. the D. none of the above

20. Put the jumbled paragraph in sequential order

(A) Most shoppers in India buy dairy products, vegetables and fruit either daily or every two or three days, and the traditional trade has a lock on these frequent purchases.

(B) Many will deliver free of charge

(C) In large part it is because supermarkets are not a compelling draw in terms of price and service.

(D) Its hold weakens a bit on rich consumers and for less regular purchases: packaged foods, soaps, detergents and other groceries and staple, such as rice and grains

(E) But in general even affluent consumers prefer traditional stores, because they are closer to home and offer credit to familiar customers.

- A. AEDCB B. CADEB
C. AEBCD D. CABED

21. This poster is horrible and can't be used. The colours and images are wrong. We will have to ___

- A. do it over B. even it out
C. do it in D. put it down

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22. Fill in the blank with appropriate words. A discerning publishing agent can ___ promising material for a ___ submission, separating the good from the bad.

- A. supplant B. dramatize
C. fenestrate D. winnow

23. I like the magazine, but I think we should put ___ advertising in it until its circulation has increased

- A. out B. back
C. away D. off

24. Put into sequence the jumbled paragraph.

(A) And as global climate changes, these threats are worsening: extreme weather events are becoming more common

(B) This homogeneity leaves cultivated coffee particularly susceptible to threats from diseases, pests and shifts in temperature and rainfall

(C) Wild coffee populations, with their greater stores of genetic diversity, are better equipped to handle these menaces

(D) Fungi and insects are spreading into areas where they have never been seen before.

- A. DCBA B. BADC
C. ACBD D. CBAD

Identify the synonym for the given phrasal verb.

25. He is very clever and so he sniffed out the answer immediately

- A. smell B. ask
C. discover information D. give up

26. He set forth his opinion during the speech

- A. leave B. be ambiguous
C. begin D. explain clearly

Convert the following statements to indirect speech.

27. Mark asked me, "Why do you want to study Russian?"

- A. Mark asked her why I wanted to study Russian
- B. Mark asked me why did I want to study Russian
- C. Mark asked me why I wanted to study Russian
- D. Mark asked why I would like to study Russian

28. My friend said, "I will have finished my homework by the time you arrive".

- A. My friend told me it had finished his homework by the time I arrived.
- B. My friend told me he would have finished his homework by the time he arrived.
- C. My friend told me he had finished his homework by the time I arrived.
- D. My friend told me he would have finished his homework by the time I arrived.

Choose the correct meaning for the given Idioms and Phrases.

29. To hit the nail on the head

- A. To be exactly right about something
- B. To be confused about something
- C. Avoiding something
- D. Crying over something

30. When pigs fly

- A. Something that will never happen
- B. To get something easily
- C. Agreeing with someone
- D. Making a situation worse

31. Rain on someone's parade

- A. Postponing a plan
- B. A really good invention
- C. Working hard
- D. To spoil something

32. To cut corners

- A. To set things right
- B. To leave out something
- C. To keep things aside
- D. To do something that saves time

33. To cost an arm and a leg

- A. Something very expensive
- B. Injured very badly
- C. Passionate about something
- D. Worrying about something

Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the given option.

It is regrettable that the press, radio and television still tend too often to present old age in an unhappily one sided way. I believe that they do this from the 34 of the motives. They are trying to 35 the conscience of the society to the 36 of those elderly people who refuse help, who are lonely, destitute, ill, 37 institutionalised so on. I am 38 the media will achieve 39 response and some amelioration of situation for some of these people.

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|-----|---|--|
| 34. | A. worst | B. wildest |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. best | D. loneliest |
| 35. | A. awaken | B. disturb |
| | C. please | D. provoke |
| 36. | A. spite | B. miseries |
| | C. hatred | D. plight |
| 37. | A. mangle | B. mad |
| | C. bed-ridden | D. lost |
| 38. | A. sure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. uncertain |
| | C. confused | D. worried |
| 39. | A. little | B. few |
| | C. some | D. any |

Choose the correct meaning of the following foreign words.

40. En route

- A. By the way B. On the way
C. Of the way D. For the day

41. Malafide

- A. Acting in good B. Acting in bad faith
C. Acting well D. Acting in pretension

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45. A certain sum of money was deposited in a bank and it became two-fold in 10 years. What is the rate of simple interest?

- A. 8% B. 10%
C. 12% D. 13%

46. What percent is 1 minute 48 seconds of 1 hour?

- A. 4% B. 8%
C. 3% D. 5%

47. Which of the following fractions is largest?

- A. 7% of 28 B. 35% of 140
C. 40% of 490 D. None of these

48. 70% of 280 is the same as

- A. 7% of 28 B. 35% of 140
C. 40% of 490 D. None of these

49. The sum of the first four prime number is

- A. 10 B. 11
C. 16 D. 17

50. What angle does the hour hand of the clock cover in 30 minutes?

- A. 10° B. 15°
C. 20° D. 25°

42. Versus

- A. For B. Against
C. To D. By

43. Alpha and Omega

- A. Code word B. Everlasting
C. Beginning to end D. Letters

44. Ad hoc

- A. For a particular B. Temporary
C. Momentary D. Ephemeral

Part II ARITHMETIC

51. A man bought an article for Rs 250 and sold for Rs 300. Find the profit per cent.

- A. 20% B. 15%
C. 25% D. 40%

52. Suppose the average weekly pay of 5 brothers is Rs 60 and if one of the brothers gets a pay raise of Rs 10 per week, then the new average is:

- A. Rs 60 B. Rs 70
C. Rs 58 D. Rs 62

53. A man spends 35% of his income on food, 25% on children's education and 80% of the remaining on house rent. What percentage of his income is he left with?

- A. 8% B. 12%
C. 40% D. None of the above

54. There are 361 doctors and nurses in a hospital. If the ratio of the doctors to the nurses is 8 : 11, then how many nurses are there in the hospital?

- A. 152 B. 209
C. 57 D. 171

Part III
REASONING

55. In a certain code BEAUTIFUL is coded as 573041208, BUTTER as 504479, how is FUTURE coded in that code?

573041208
504479
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- A. 201497 B. 204097
C. 704092 D. 204079

56. Ashish leaves his house at 20 minutes to 7 in the morning, reaches Kunal's house in 25 minutes, they finish their breakfast in another 15 minutes and leave for their office which takes another 35 minutes. At what time do they leave Kunal's house to reach their office?

- A. 7:40 am B. 7:20 am
C. 7:45 am D. 8:15 am

57. If P is brother of Q and R is the sister of Q, how is P related to R?

- A. Uncle B. Brother
C. Sister D. None of the above

The cricket match between India and Pakistan was over.

Harbhajan¹⁰ scored more runs than Ganguly²⁰
Sachin¹⁰ scored more runs than Laxman⁵ but less than Dravid²⁰

Badani⁵ scored as much runs as Agarkar²⁰ but less than Dravid⁴⁰ and more than Sachin³⁰

Ganguly scored more runs than either Agarkar or Dravid

Each batsman scored 10 runs more than his immediate batsman. The lowest score was 10 runs.

58. Which of the following batsman scored 30 runs?

- A. Agarkar B. Ganguly
C. Dravid D. None of these

59. Which of the following batsman scored 50 runs?

- A. Ganguly B. Dravid
C. Agarkar D. Cannot be determined

Subash is 14 inches taller than Jatin. The difference between Subash and Sanjeev is 2 inches less than between Sanjeev and Jatin. Subash at 6 feet and 6 inches is the tallest

60. How tall is Sanjeev?

- A. 6 feet B. 5 feet 4 inches
C. Cannot be determined D. None of these

61. How tall is Jatin?

- A. 5 feet 4 inches B. 6 feet
C. Cannot be determined D. None of these

62. There is a family party consisting of 2 fathers, 2 mothers, 2 sons, 1 father-in-law, 1 mother-in-law, 1 daughter-in-law, 1 grandfather, 1 grandmother and 1 grandson. What is the minimum number required so that this is possible?

- A. 5 B. 8
C. 12 D. None of the above

63. I am facing south, I turn right and walk 20 metres. Then I turn right again and walk 10 metres. Then I turn left and walk 10 metres and then turning right walk 20 metres. Then I turn right again and walk 60 metres. In which direction am I from the starting point?

- A. South B. Southwest
C. West D. Northeast

64. Suppose you enter an elevator at a certain floor. Then the elevator moves up 6 floors, down 4 floors and up 3 floors, you are then at floor 7. At which floor did you initially enter elevator?

- A. Floor 3 B. Floor 4
C. Floor 1 D. Floor 2

Part IV
BASIC SCIENCE

65. Which is an output device?

- A. Printer
B. Mouse
C. Keyboard
D. Joy stick

66. Which of the following forces is/are the reasons for occurrence of tides in the oceans and seas?

- A. Gravitational force of the sun
B. Gravitational force of the moon
C. Centrifugal force of the earth

- A. A only
B. B and C only
C. A and C only
D. A, B and C

67. The elderly person while trying to read a book at about 25 cm from the eyes finds the image appeared blurred because of the decreasing of the ciliary muscles and the loss of flexibility of the lens. This defect of the eyes is called:

- A. Myopia
B. Astigmatism
C. Hypermetropia
D. Presbyopia

68. Transformers are used in between the electric power stations and homes or factories in order to:-

- A. Minimise the power loss in transmission cable
B. Minimise the voltage drop in transmission cable
C. Minimise the current drop in the transmission cable
D. Provide constant voltage at the user end

69. Water is a chemical composition containing:

- A. Hydrogen and Oxygen
B. Hydrogen and Carbon
C. Oxygen and Sulphur
D. Oxygen and Manganese

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Part V
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE Megeducations.com

70. The 12 th district of Meghalaya is called:

- A. South West Khasi
B. East Jaintia Hills
C. North Garo Hills
D. Eastern West Khasi Hills

71. Who coined the term Meghalaya?

- A. Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
B. Shiba Prasad Chatterjee

- C. Radhanath Sikdar
D. Dorothy Middleton

72. Shillong Golf course is also known as

- A. Scotland of the east
B. Gleneagle of the east
C. Venice of the east
D. None of the above

73. The first rail head of Meghalaya is located at

- A. Resu-Belpara
B. Depa Sarengma
C. Dainadubi
D. Mendipathar

74. U Kiang Nongbah State award is given for excellence in

- A. Arts and Literature
B. Sports
C. Social Service
D. Economic upliftment

75. National Games 2022 will be hosted by

- A. Assam
B. Meghalaya
C. West Bengal
D. Chhattisgarh

76. What is the State Tree of Meghalaya

- A. Khasi Pine
B. Sal
C. Gamari
D. Makri Sal

77. Name the State animal of Meghalaya

- A. Himalayan black bear
B. Barking deer
C. Clouded leopard
D. Elephant

78. The highest peak in Meghalaya is

- A. Nokrek B. Lum Sohphetbneng
C. Shillong D. Koasi a' bri

79. Wettest place on earth is located at

- A. Sohra (Cherrapunji) B. Mawsynram
C. Dawki D. Mawkyrwat

80. Nokrek National Park is also an in situ gene sanctuary for which plant?

- A. Citrus B. Pear
C. Jackfruit D. Amla/ Indian goose berry

81. Cherry tree blooms in Meghalaya in a different season unlike rest of the world. In which season of the year does it bloom?

- A. Spring B. Monsoon
C. Autumn D. Winter

82. Unique flower known as Jah Kher in Khasi blooms once in

- A. 10 years B. 11 years
C. 12 years D. 13 years

83. Meghalayan age characterises the following:

- (i) part of Holocene epoch
(ii) It runs from 4200 years to the present
(iii) It began with destructive drought lasting two centuries
(iv) It disrupted civilisations in Europe, Africa, Middle East, Indus valley and China.
Select the response below:

- A. Only (i) and (ii) are correct
B. Only (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct
C. Only (ii), (iii), and (iv) are correct
D. (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) are correct

84. Through which Land Custom station Export-import and passenger movement is allowed in Garo Hills region?

- A. Baghmara B. Gasuapara
C. Mahendraganj D. Dalu

85. The first hydro-electric power project in Meghalaya was on which river

- A. Umiam B. Umngot
C. Umtru or Umtrew D. Myntdu

86. Which river is not flowing towards north to Assam?

- A. Krishnai B. Dudhnoi
C. Simsang/Someshwari D. Kopili

87. What is the special characteristic of coal in Meghalaya

- A. Sub-bituminous with medium to high sulphur content
B. Anthracite with very little volatile material
C. Lignite with high moisture content
D. Peat with impurities

88. Town Committee is constituted by

- A. Urban Affairs Department
B. Meghalaya Urban Development Authority
C. Autonomous District Council
D. Concerned Deputy Commissioner

89. Full fledged State of Meghalaya came into being in the year:

- A. 1969 B. 1970
C. 1971 D. 1972

90. Autonomous District Councils were created under which Schedule of the Constitution of India?

- A. 10th Schedule B. 6th Schedule
C. 3rd Schedule D. 9th Schedule

91. Meghalaya attained autonomous State status in the year

- A. 1970 B. 1969
C. 1968 D. 1967

92. Meghalaya has legislature which is

- A. Bicameral B. Unicameral
C. Tricameral D. None of the above

93. Cleanest village in Asia is located in East Khasi Hills district. What is the name of the village

- A. Kongthong B. Sohra
C. Mawlyngot D. Khat ar shnong

94. Why is coke plant in Jaintia Hills in the news?

- A Air Pollution
B Complaint by NGOs
C Proximity to hospital
D Low yield of crop

Select the correct answer.

- A. Only A and B B. Only B and C
C. Only C and D D. All A,B,C and D

95. One of the festivals relates to chasing away the plague is known as

- A. Behdeinkhlam B. Shad Sukra
C. Nongkrem dance D. Gure rodila

96. Pa Togan Sangma last fought the British in the year 1872 at

- A. Rongrengri B. Samanda
C. Napak D. Songsak

97. How many areas of differences identified between Assam and Meghalaya regarding border settlement?

- A. 6 B. 8
C. 10 D. 12

98. Living root bridge is built from the roots of which tree?

- A. India Rubber Tree B. Khasi Pine
C. Makri Sal D. Madar Tree

99. Through which Land Custom Station export-import and passenger movement is allowed in Khasi Jaintia Hills region?

- A. Shella B. Bholaganj
C. Borsora D. Dawki

100. In which year will Meghalaya celebrate 50 years of its formation.

- A. 2022 B. 2023
C. 2024 D. 2025

101. Who is the author of the book, Meghalaya: Triumph of Tribal Genius

- A. Nari Rustomji B. P S Dutta
C. Karaleswar Sinha D. M S Sangma

102. Name the author of the book, 'God of small things' who was born in Shillong

- A. Arundhati Roy B. Mihir N Sangma
C. Amitabh Ghosh D. Jhumpa Lahiri

103. Which turmeric variety has the highest curcumin content?

- A. Sangli B. Alleppey
C. Lakadong D. Nizamabad

104. Traditional slash and burn cultivation is popularly known in Meghalaya as

- A. Podo B. Jhum
C. Milpa D. Ray

105. Descent is traced from the mother's side in Meghalaya which is termed as

- A. Matrarchal B. Matrilocal
C. Matrilineal D. Matricidal

106. U Tirot Sing, freedom fighter from Meghalaya was the Syiem of

- A. Mairang B. Nongkhlaw
C. Nongstoin D. Maharam

107. What is the name of a whistling village of Meghalaya

- A. Kongthong B. Sohra
C. Mawlyngot D. Khat ar shnong

108. Longest cave in India is located in Meghalaya and is known as

- A. Mawsmai
B. Siju
C. Krem Liat Prah
D. Synrang Pamiang

109. Which one of the following mineral found in Meghalaya is used for high temperature furnace lining?

- A. Gypsum
B. Sillimanite
C. Quartz
D. Kaolin

110. Name of incumbent Governor of Meghalaya is

- A. Tathagata Roy
B. Satya Pal Malik
C. R N Ravi
D. Ganga Prasad

111. Name of present Home Minister of Meghalaya is

- A. James P K Sangma
B. L Rymbui
C. J M Pariat
D. Ganga Prasad

112. Meghalaya day is celebrated on which date

- A. 21st January
B. 21st February
C. 21st March
D. 21st April

113. Blue earthworms found in East Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya are characterised by:

- (i) Measure up to a length of 1.6 metres
(ii) They migrate up and down the hill before and after monsoon
(iii) They enhance soil fertility
(iv) Its zoological name is Perionyx excavates

Choose the correct option:

- A. (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) are correct
B. Only (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct
C. Only (ii), (iii), and (iv) are correct
D. Only (iii), (iv) and (i) are correct

1134. Farmers in high altitude cultivate which cash crop

- A. Potato
B. Sweet potato
C. Paddy
D. Maize

115. Researchers have found fossilized bones of sauropod dinosaurs in

- A. West Garo Hills
B. West Khasi Hills
C. West Jaintia Hills
D. South West Khasi Hills

116. The great earthquake which shook Assam and Shillong plateau took place in the year

- A. 1897
B. 1898
C. 1899
D. 1900

117. Which is the oldest English daily newspaper in Meghalaya?

- A. The Meghalaya Guardian
B. The Shillong Times
C. The Highland Post
D. The Meghalaya Times

118. Which city is selected as Smart City in Meghalaya

- A. Shillong
B. Tura
C. Jowai
D. Resu-Belpara

119. Where is the tomb of Mir Jumla located?

- A. West Garo Hills
B. South West Garo Hills
C. North Garo Hills
D. South Garo Hills

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