

ARUNACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Subject : GENERAL ENGLISH

Time- 3 (Three) Hours

Full Marks- 100

Note:-

- i) Read the instructions carefully and follow them.
- ii) Attempt all the questions.
- iii) The figure in the right hand side margin indicates marks.

Q.1. Write an essay in about 300 words on **any one of the following: (25)**

- a) The Global War on Terror
- b) India's Space Missions
- c) Youth as the Hope for a Vibrant India
- d) Swachh Bharat Abhiyyaan

Q.2. Write a letter to the editor of a prominent local daily of your area to help generate awareness among the masses on various frauds anti-social groups are indulged in to loot them of their hard earned money through publication of relevant articles exclusively dedicated for the purpose. (20)

Q.3. Write a précis of the following adding a suitable title : (15)

At the dawn of history India started on her unending quest, and trackless centuries are filled with her striving and the grandeur of her success and her failures. Through good and ill fortune alike she has never lost sight of that quest or forgotten the ideals which gave her strength. We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers herself again.

The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. Are we brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future?

Freedom and power bring responsibility. The responsibility rests upon this assembly, a sovereign body representing the sovereign people of India. Before the birth of freedom we have endured all the pains of labour and our hearts are heavy with the memory of this sorrow. Some of those pains continue even now. Nevertheless, the past is over and it is the future that beckons to us now.

That future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving so that we may fulfil the pledges we have so often taken and the one we shall take today. The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer. It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity.

The ambition of the greatest man of our generation has been to wipe every tear from every eye. That may be beyond us, but as long as there are tears and suffering, so long our work will not be over.

And so we have to labour and to work, and work hard, to give reality to our dreams. Those dreams are for India, but they are also for the world, for all the nations and peoples are too closely knit together today for anyone of them to imagine that it can live apart.

Q.4. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

People in Delhi who wish to pay their last homage (to Gandhiji) should gather along this route. I(Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru) will not advise too many of them to come to Birla House, but rather to gather on both sides of this long route from Birla House to the Jamuna River. And I trust that they will remain there in silence without any demonstrations. That is the best way and the most fitting way to pay homage to this great soul. Also, Saturday should be a day of fasting and prayer for all of us.

Those who live elsewhere, out of Delhi and in other parts of India, will no doubt take such part as they can in this last homage. For them also, let this be a day of fasting and prayer. And at the appointed time for cremation, that is 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, people should go to the river or to the sea and offer prayers there. And while we pray, the greatest prayer that we can offer is to take a pledge to dedicate ourselves to the truth, and to the cause for which this great countryman of ours lived and for which he has died. That is the best prayer that we can offer him and his memory. That is the best prayer we can offer to India and ourselves.

i) Answer the following questions:

(2x5=10)

- a) Give the passage a suitable title.
- b) Where did Nehru ask the people in Delhi to gather if they wished to pay their last homage to Gandhiji?
- c) What was the best way and the most fitting way to pay homage to Gandhiji according to Pundit Nehru?
- d) How did Nehru advise those who lived elsewhere, out of Delhi and in other parts of India, to pay their last homage to Gandhiji?
- e) What did Nehru consider to be the greatest prayer and also the best prayer to be offered by the people of India on Gandhiji's cremation day?

ii) Find synonyms for the following in the above passage:

(1x5=5)

- a) in, at, or to some other place or other places;
- b) the disposal of a dead person's body by burning it to ashes ;
- c) abstaining from food or drink ;
- d) a public meeting or march protesting against something ;
- e) special honour or respect shown publicly

Q.5. Correct and re-write the following sentences:

(1x5=5)

- a) The manager has promised to look at the matter.
- b) I have been waiting from two hours.
- c) Unless you work hard, you will pass the test.
- d) I saw him feeling the tree with an axe.
- e) Seldom he is late for work.

Q.6. Make sentences using the following idioms/phrases: (any five)

(2x5=10)

- a) Golden handshake;
- b) Plum job;
- c) Dead wood;
- d) Tricks of the trade;
- e) Acid Test;
- f) in the pipeline;
- g) race against time

Q.7. Do as directed: (any five)

(2x5=10)

- a) This is not an easy job. (Turn into affirmative form without changing the meaning)
- b) What a nice and attractive personality? (Correct and re-write the sentence)
- c) The coach said to Sonam's father, 'I shall lead him to the door of success.' (Put into Indirect speech form)
- d) No other student in this class is as sharp as Kapil. (Express using the superlative adjective)
- e) Where all the eggs went? (Correct using the inversion)
- f) Mohini gave him her handkerchief. (Convert into the Passive Voice form)

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