

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) The figure in the right hand side margin indicates marks.
- iii) Attempt all the questions.

Q.1. Write an essay on any one of the following in about five hundred words: (30)

- a) The Monsoon in Arunachal Pradesh
- b) The New India Vision 2022
- c) The Global Climate Change
- d) The Wildlife Sanctuaries of India

Q.2. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of your district to have proper transport arrangement for farmers of the district for marketing their agricultural produce for a decent living. (15)

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of one reputed local daily of your state requesting him to publish regular health awareness tips in specialised columns with the contributions by eminent health professionals of your state. (15)

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

That we are in the midst of crisis is now well understood. Our nation is at war, against a far-reaching network of violence and hatred. Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also of our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age. Homes have been lost; jobs shed; businesses shuttered. Our health care is too costly; our schools fail too many; and each day brings further evidence that the ways we use energy strengthen our adversaries and threaten our planet.

These are the indicators of crisis, subject to data and statistics. Less measurable but no less profound is a sapping of confidence across our land - a nagging fear that America's decline is inevitable, and that the next generation must lower its sights.

Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real. They are serious and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this, America - they will be met.

On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord. On this day, we come to proclaim an end to the petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and worn out dogmas, that for far too long have strangled our politics.

We remain a young nation, but in the words of Scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: the God-given promise that all are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness.

In reaffirming the greatness of our nation, we understand that greatness is never a given. It must be earned. Our journey has never been one of short-cuts or settling for less. It has not been the path for the faint-hearted - for those who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame. Rather, it has been the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things - some celebrated but more often men and women obscure in their labor, who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom.

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

President Obama in his stress on reforms had this to say: Real reform means giving the public access to now-secret conference committee meetings and posting all bills on the Internet at least a day before they're voted on, so the public can scrutinize what's in them.

Real reform means passing a bill that eliminates all gifts and meals from lobbyists, not just the expensive ones.

And real reform must mean real enforcement. Because no matter how many new rules we pass, it will mean very little unless you have a system to enforce them.

I commend Senators Lieberman and Collins for their efforts to create such an enforcement mechanism through an independent Office of Public Integrity. While this proposal doesn't go quite as far as my proposal for an outside ethics fact-finding commission, it's still very good, and I will work with them to try to get it included in this bill.

But to truly earn back the people's trust - to show them that we're working for them and looking out for their interests - we have to do more than just pass a good bill this week. We have to fundamentally change the way we do business around here.

That means instead of meeting with lobbyists, it's time to start meeting with some of the 45 million Americans with no health care.

Instead of finding cushy political jobs for unqualified buddies, it's time to start finding good-paying jobs for hardworking Americans trying to raise a family.

Instead of hitting up the big firms on K Street, it's time to start visiting the workers on Main Street who wonder how they'll send their kids to college or whether their pension will be around when they retire.

All these people have done to earn access and gain influence is cast their ballot. But in this democracy, it's all anyone should have to do.

A century ago, that young, reform-minded governor of New York who later became our twenty-sixth President gave us words about our country everyone in this town would do well to listen to today. Teddy Roosevelt said that,

"No republic can permanently endure when its politics are corrupt and base...we can afford to differ on the currency, the tariff, and foreign policy, but we cannot afford to differ on the question of honesty. There is a soul in the community, a soul in the nation, just exactly as there is a soul in the individual; and exactly as the individual hopelessly mars himself if he lets his conscience be dulled by the constant repetition of unworthy acts, so the nation will hopelessly blunt the popular conscience if it permits its public men continually to do acts which the nation in its heart of hearts knows are acts which cast discredit upon our whole public life."

4. I. Answer the questions in your own words : **(2x5=10)**

- a) Give the passage a suitable title.
- b) How does Obama feel public could be helped to have a say in matters of bills to be voted on at the government level?
- c) How does Obama hold enforcement to be very important in any meaningful government reform exercise?
- d) What does Obama recommend to do to help hard-working people trying to raise a family?
- e) What did Roosevelt consider important for America not to permit?

4.II. From the passage above get the words for which the following may be the Antonyms (any five): **(1x5=5)**

- a) Overlook
- b) Includes
- c) Falsely
- d) Distrust,
- e) Temporarily
- f) Pure
- g) Worthy

Q.5. Expand the idea contained in any one of the following in about 100 words: **(10)**

- a) Honesty is the best policy.
- b) The birds of the same feather flock together.
- c) The result of good is good, and that of evil is evil.

Q.6. Correct the following sentences (any five): **(1x5=5)**

- a) There should be a gap of five days between each match.
- b) You have written him a letter, did you?
- c) Scarcely had I completed the paragraph than the lights went off.
- d) She asked me that I could answer her question.
- e) Although they listen to me, but their actions prove otherwise.
- f) He is known about charity.

Q.7. Use the idioms and phrases(any five) in sentences of your own: **(2x5=10)**

- a) get off the hook
- b) come full circle
- c) icing on the cake
- d) cut the Gordian knot
- e) be in two minds
- f) add fuel to the fire