

ARUNACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Subject:- General English

Time: 3(Three) Hours

Full Marks:100

- Note : (i) Read the instruction carefully and follow them.
(ii) Attempt all the questions.
(iii) All the figure in right hand side margin indicates marks.

- Q.1. Write an essay in about 500 words on any one of the following: (30)
- Global Warming
 - India's Recent Surgical Strikes
 - Youth as the Ambassadors of Change
 - Bollywood 's Role in National Integration

- Q.2. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily to help generate awareness among the masses on various government schemes floated to benefit them through regular publication of articles dedicated to these exclusively. (10)

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

It is a fateful moment for us in India, for all Asia and for the world. A new star rises, the star of freedom in the east, a new hope comes into being, a vision long cherished materialises. May the star never set and that hope never be betrayed!

We rejoice in that freedom, even though clouds surround us, and many of our people are sorrow-stricken and difficult problems encompass us. But freedom brings responsibilities and burdens and we have to face them in the spirit of a free and disciplined people.

On this day our first thoughts go to the architect of this freedom, the father of our nation, who, embodying the old spirit of India, held aloft the torch of freedom and lighted up the darkness that surrounded us.

We have often been unworthy followers of his and have strayed from his message, but not only we but succeeding generations will remember this message and bear the imprint in their hearts of this great son of India, magnificent in his faith and strength and courage and humility. We shall never allow that torch of freedom to be blown out, however high the wind or stormy the tempest.

Our next thoughts must be of the unknown volunteers and soldiers of freedom who, without praise or reward, have served India even unto death.

We think also of our brothers and sisters who have been cut off from us by political boundaries and who unhappily cannot share at present in the freedom that has come. They are of us and will remain of us whatever may happen, and we shall be sharers in their good and ill fortune alike.

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

The light has gone out of our lives and there is darkness everywhere. I (Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru) do not know what to tell you and how to say it. Our beloved leader, Bapu as we called him, the Father of the Nation, is no more. Perhaps I am wrong to say that. Nevertheless, we will never see him again as we have seen him for these many years. We will not run to him for advice and seek solace from him, and that is a terrible

blow, not to me only, but to millions and millions in this country. And it is a little difficult to soften the blow by any other advice that I or anyone else can give you.

The light has gone out, I said, and yet I was wrong. For the light that shone in this country was no ordinary light. The light that has illumined this country for these many years will illumine this country for many more years, and a thousand years later, that light will be seen in this country and the world will see it and it will give solace to innumerable hearts. For that light represented something more than the immediate past, it represented the living, the eternal truths, reminding us of the right path, drawing us from error, taking this ancient country to freedom.

Questions:

(3x5=15)

- a) What does Nehru think wrong to say?
- b) What is a terrible blow to the Indian Nation according to Nehru?
- c) What hope does Nehru have about the light that has gone out?
- d) How was India taken to freedom?
- e) Give the above passage a suitable title.

Q.5. Expand the idea contained in any one of the following in about 150 words:

(10)

- a) A stitch in time saves nine.
- b) Sweet words butter nothing.
- c) A thing of beauty is a joy forever.
- d) Rome was not built in a day.

Q.6. Make sentences using any five the following idioms and phrases:

(2x5=10)

- a) play down
- b) at daggers drawn
- c) apple of discord
- d) blow hot and cold
- e) at one's wit's end
- f) at sixes and sevens

Q.7. Correct any five of the following sentences:

(2x5=10)

- a) He told to me to go.
- b) He hanged the pictures on the wall.
- c) They have finished the work a week ago.
- d) The prize was born away by the Kolkata eleven.
- e) He bid them farewell.
- f) I woe you one thousand rupees.
- g) No sooner he came than I greeted him at the entrance.