

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) write legibly and in your own words as far as possible.

Q.1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Today democracy is regarded as the best form of government. Guided by the principle of involving the participation of the largest number of stake-holders in a nation, democracy has emerged as the choicest government in most countries of the world. Countries that are still colonized or under dictatorship, struggle for liberation and the attainment of democratic form of government which will allow people from all walks of life to participate and have a voice in the framing of policies, hence having an indirect share in the governance of the nation. Abraham Lincoln, one of the most important former Presidents of America and great upholder of the spirit of equality, hailed democracy as the best suited form of government that ensures the involvement and consideration of the greatest number of the people of the country. After the attainment of independence, our country India has also adopted the democratic form of government. The Constitution of India declares our country as a democratic nation; there by ensuring that the interests of the citizens would be safeguarded against tyranny and dictatorship. It also implies that the representatives chosen by the people to frame laws should be duty-bound to uphold the interest of the people above every other thing in the framing of laws.

But it has not always been so. Democracy has not always been hailed as the best form of government. In fact, it has been decried as one of the worst forms of government by a political philosopher no less than Aristotle himself. In his view, democracy, by giving more importance to number would lead to a compromise in quality of decisions and implementations, which would eventually harm the state. In the same vein, others have also criticized democracy as the tyranny of the majority. Yet after all these allegations, it is beyond doubt that in modern times, democracy serves as the most preferred form of government with its spirit for the inclusion of the larger number and its capacity for serving as a restrictive tool against the rise of dictatorship. The responsibility for the successful implementation of democratic ideals in any democracy lies upon the common people; as is rightly said that "Eternal vigilance is the price for democracy".

- (i) Why does the author say that democracy is best suited in the modern world? 4
- (ii) What does the Constitution of India ensure for its citizens by declaring India as a democracy? 3
- (iii) What have been usually pointed out against Democracy? 4
- (iv) Where, according to the author, lies the secret for the success of democracy? 2
- (v) Suggest a suitable title for the passage. 2
- (vi) Find words with similar meanings from the given passage: 5
 - (a) Surfaced
 - (b) Fight
 - (c) Freedom
 - (d) Guaranteeing
 - (e) Charges

Q.2. Write a précis of the given passage and add a suitable title to it: (15)

The fate of man is never certain. One never knows when the scales of fate will either rise or fall and turn him either into a king or a pauper. History is filled with examples of great men falling from their heights of glory and success and those of common people rising to great heights. There are unexpected twists and turns in the way of life. The favourable wind that pushed the vessel on its journey may turn into a tempest and sink it beneath the foaming waves. Unknown to one, the medicine he takes may turn into poison and claim his life. The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may one day prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money a man has may be lost when he needs it the most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do him honour may be the first to throw stones of malice when failure settles its cloud upon his head. Nothing is permanent and a man should be prepared to face these unexpected turns of fortune. It is in such moments that the philosophy of stoicism, with its stress on indifference, will come to his rescue and make the burden bearable.

Q.3. Write a paragraph in about 150 words on any one of the given topics: (10)

- (i) A penny saved is a penny earned
- (ii) A rolling stone gathers no moss
- (iii) Procrastination is the thief of time

Q.4. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics in about 300 words: **(20)**

- (i) Responsibilities of a public servant
- (ii) The importance of folk culture in Arunachal Pradesh
- (iii) Emancipation of women can be attained only through economic independence

Q.5. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper making people aware of the need to substitute wood and fossil fuel with non-conventional fuel. **(15)**

Or

Imagine that you are a resident of a locality where there has seen a rise in petty crimes against women and elderly in recent months. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of Police of your District seeking his intervention in this matter. **(15)**

Q.6. Rewrite **any five** of the following sentences as directed: **(2x5=10)**

- (i) He said, "It rained heavily last evening". (Rewrite as Indirect Speech)
- (ii) The baby picked up the fallen toy. (Write in the Passive voice)
- (iii) God is present everywhere. (Rewrite the sentence substituting a single word for the phrase "present everywhere")
- (iv) Is virtue not its own reward? (Transform into an Assertive sentence)
- (v) He is hard working. He is honest. (Combine into a single sentence using "not only...but also")
- (vi) John is not as intelligent as Sheila. (Rewrite the sentence using an adverb of the comparative degree but without changing its meaning)
- (vii) It is a very hot day! (Change into an Exclamatory sentence)

Q.7. Correct **any five** of the following sentences: **(2x5=10)**

- (i) The gold is very expensive these days.
- (ii) My mother made me to study hard for the examination.
- (iii) Though he is wealthy, but he is a miser.
- (iv) I have only two sister-in-laws.
- (v) The patient is suffering for a week.
- (vi) He ordered for a cup of tea.
- (vii) I bought a new trouser.