

ARUNACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time- 3 (Three Hours)

Full Marks- 100

Note: (a) Write your answers as per the instructions.

(b) Figures in the right hand margins indicate Full Marks.

Q 1. Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following topics: (20)

- a) The value of Vote in Democracy.
- b) Corruption in public life.

Q 2. Suppose you are the Secretary of your Staff Association. Write a letter to the head of your office apprising him of the poor working condition in the office and request for its improvement. (20)

Q3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (5x4=20)

Man's journey from childhood to old age is very charming and colourful. Youth is the most exciting period of man's life, when it is time to grow and dream. A young man is full of hope, energy and zeal. Nothing is difficult or impossible or dangerous for him. The old people say that youth is not daring but thoughtless. A young man burns the candle at both ends. He commits mistakes and learns only after burning his finger. Sometimes the young men misuse their freedom and thus invite difficulties by their foolish actions. They are full of strength, energy and enthusiasm. They become rebels and are no longer afraid of facing the forces of realities. A young man accepts the challenge of evil difficulties and hardships. To win or lose the game of life is the mission of his career. He loves to lead an adventurous life and has a keen desire to build up a new world of his dream. But the period of youth does not last long. Soon it is followed by old age, when he regrets his past mistakes and failures. The weak old man feels helpless, depressed and disappointed. He becomes unfit for any adventure. But some fortunate old people feel you never grow old and continue to feel young and active and make the most of even the last years of their lives. It will not be wrong to say that youth brings honours and old age commands.

- a. Give a suitable title to the passage.
- b. What is the most exciting period of man's life?
- c. What do the old people say about youth?
- d. What is the mission of a young man's life?
- e. Why does the old man feel helpless and disappointed?

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Q4. Make a précis of the following passage and add a suitable title.

(25)

The most important thing is that we should have freedom of Thought. This is not as easy as it sounds, for everyone likes to have this freedom for himself but is not ready to give it to others when they express different opinions. This is particularly the case when differences of opinion arise on such important matters as religion and politics. But if we refuse to let other people hold their opinion on these matters, and especially if we try to force them to accept our own, progress is impossible. If everyone went on thinking the same thing as his ancestors thought, progress would come to an end because as the Buddha said, "What a man thinks, he becomes." So if we think exactly what our forefathers thought, we shall remain in the condition in which they were. Our thought depends a good deal upon what we read and what we talk about. Therefore if we want to think new thoughts, we must try to study all sides of the topics that come before us and not be content only with what we read in newspapers what others say. Reading enlightens the human mind and gives insight into problems. When there is an increase in true knowledge, the mind also becomes liberal. He looks upon others as his equals and tends to democratize his society.

Q5. Correct and re-write any *Ten* of the following sentences.

(10x1)

- a. He asked me that why had I gone to market.
- b. I doubt that he will pass.
- c. I saw many sheeps in the field.
- d. Here are the happy news for you all.
- e. She is a MLA.
- f. Ganga is a sacred river.
- g. Let us enjoy.
- h. She is the most beautiful of his daughter.
- i. Tell me who is he.
- j. He is much tired.
- k. She paid dear for her mistake.

Q6. Fill in the gaps with appropriate prepositions. (Any *five*)

(5x1=5)

- a. He is blind ____ one eye.
- b. He has been invited ____ dinner.
- c. He is the heir ____ his grandmother's property.
- d. We congratulated him ____ his success.
- e. She is gifted ____ a fine voice.
- f. We have a car similar ____ yours.

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