

# 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.** Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:-

You seemed at first to take no notice of your school-fellows, or rather to set yourself against them because they were strangers to you. They knew as little of you as you did of them; so that this would have been the reason for their keeping aloof from you as well, which you would have felt as a hardship. Learn never to conceive a prejudice against others because you know nothing of them. It is bad reasoning, and makes enemies of half the world. Do not think ill of them till they behave ill to you; and then strive to avoid the faults which you see in them. This will disarm their hostility sooner than pique or resentment or complaint. I thought you were disposed to criticize the dress of some of the boys as not as good as your own. Never despise anyone for anything that he cannot help—least of all, for his poverty. I would wish you to keep up appearances yourself as a defence against the idle sneers of the world, but I would not have you value yourself upon them. I hope you will neither be the dupe nor victim of vulgar prejudices. Instead of saying above “Never despise any one of anything that he cannot help,” I might have said, “Never despise anyone at all”; for contempt implies a triumph over and pleasure in the ill of another. It means that you are glad and congratulate yourself on their failings and misfortunes.

You have hitherto been a spoilt child, and have been used to have your own way a good deal, both in the house and among your playfellows, with whom you were too fond of being a leader; but you have good nature and good sense, and will get the better of this in time. You have now got among other boys who are your equals, or bigger and stronger than yourself and who have something else to attend to besides humouring your whims and fancies, and you feel this as a repulse or piece of injustice. But the first lesson to learn is that there are other people in the world beside yourself. The more airs of childish self-importance you give yourself, you will only expose yourself to be the more thwarted and laughed at. True equality is the only true morality or wisdom. Remember always that you are but one among others and you can hardly mistake your place in society. In your father’s house you might do as you pleased; in the world you will find competitors at every turn. You are not born a king’s son, to destroy or dictate to millions, you can only expect to share their fate, or settle your differences amicably with them. You already find it so at school, and I wish you to be reconciled to your situation as soon and with as little pain as you can.

- 1.I. Answer the following questions. (15)
- a) Can you tell who is writing to whom in this passage? What would you call this kind of writing—a speech, a dairy, a letter, a sermon?
  - b) What reason does the author give for not harbouring a prejudice against others?
  - c) What are some of the blessings of living with others in the same class or in the same school?
  - d) “Contempt implies a triumph over and pleasure in the ill of another.” Who are those who feel like this and why?
  - e) The author says that “in the world you will find competitors at every turn.” But competition is a very good thing. Why does he seem to warn his son about it?

- 1.II. Paraphrase (any one) (5)
- a) True equality is the only true morality or true wisdom.
  - b) To be the dupe or victim of vulgar prejudices.
  - c) Settle your differences amicably with them.

**Q.2.** Write a letter to the transport commissioner, for a delay in the issuance of your Permanent Driving License. (10)

Or

Write a letter to your brother, expressing the importance of education in life.

**Q.3.** Write an essay on any of the following: (20)

- a) Market Socialism.
- b) Child Labour in India.
- c) Globalization.
- d) Digital India.

**Q.4.** Write a paragraph in about 100 words on any of the following: (10)

- a) Democracy.
- b) Importance of Exercise.
- c) Feminism

**Q.5.** Write summary of the following passage of about one-third of the original length. (10)

People moan about poverty as a great evil; and it seems to be an accepted belief that if people only had plenty of money, they would be happy and useful and get more out of life. As a rule, there is more genuine satisfaction in life and more obtained from life in the humble cottage of the poor man than in the palaces of the rich. I always pity the sons and daughters of rich men, who are attendant by servants, and have governesses at a later age; at the same time I am glad to think that they do not know what they have missed. It is because I know how sweet and happy and pure the home of honest poverty. Is, how free from perplexing care and from social envies and jealousies—how loving and united its members are in the common interest of supporting the family that I sympathize with the rich man’s boy and congratulate the poor man’s son. It is for these reasons that from the ranks of the poor so many strong, eminent, self-reliant men have always sprung and always must spring. If you will read the list of the “Immortals who were not born to die,” you will find that most of them have been born poor.

It seems nowadays a matter of universal desire that poverty should be abolished. We should be quite willing to abolish luxury; but to abolish honest, industrious, self-denying poverty would be to destroy the soil upon which mankind produces the virtues that will enable our race to reach a still higher civilization than it now possesses.

**Q.6.** Make sentence to illustrate the use of the following (any five). **(10)**

- a) To pay off old scores
- b) on and off
- c) of a piece with
- d) hold water
- e) Losing ground
- f) not worth his salt
- g) by hook or by crook.

**Q.7.** Correct the following sentences (any five): **(10)**

- a) The piano takes after too much room.
- b) He gave me an advice.
- c) The sceneries here are very good.
- d) Call out a doctor immediately.
- e) Between you and I affairs look dark.
- f) The jury was divided in their opinions.
- g) The famous juggler and conjurer are too unwell to perform.

**Q.8.** Fill in the blank with suitable preposition: **(10)**

1. He succeeded \_\_\_\_\_ the throne of his uncle. He succeeded \_\_\_\_\_ his object.
2. He agreed \_\_\_\_\_ my proposal. He agreed \_\_\_\_\_ me on that question. They could not agree \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.
3. I am not concerned \_\_\_\_\_ his affairs. I am not concerned \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ that business. He was much concerned \_\_\_\_\_ hearing the sad news. His parents are naturally concerned \_\_\_\_\_ his safety.