

ARUNACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL ENGLISH

TIME : 3 (THREE) HOURS

FULL MARKS: 100

- NOTE:**
- Answer all questions.*
 - The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.*

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

The Spartans were a strange people – strange because they put honesty before cleverness, health before wealth, courage before cunning, and strength before all. They lived in the south of Greece over twenty centuries ago, but their fame is known throughout the west even today. This is because they wanted to be fine men, and not rich men, -- because they wanted to do things, and not to have things, -- and because they wanted what was good for mind, body and soul, and not what was pleasant. To this day we call a man a Spartan if we wish to say that he knows how to deny himself what he wants, that he is strong in character, and that he 'eats to live' rather than 'lives to eat'. The Spartans were better than the other Greeks because they had better aims. When the rest of Greece was trying to get rich and live in luxury and splendour, Sparta was trying to get strong, and live in such a way as should be the very best for mind, body and soul.

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| (i) | Who were the Spartans? | 3 |
| (ii) | Why were they a 'strange' people? | 3 |
| (iii) | Why is their fame known even today? | 3 |
| (iv) | What kind of man is called a Spartan? | 3 |
| (v) | What was the difference between the Spartan and other Greeks? | 3 |
| (vi) | Suggest a suitable title to the passage. | 3 |
| (vii) | Find words from the passage that are opposites of –
Accept; worse. | 2 |
| (viii) | Use the following words in sentences of your own –
Cunning; deny; luxury; fame; aims. | 5 |

2. Write a letter to the District Administration requesting for arrangement of precautionary measures against the inconveniences caused by landslides in view of the coming monsoon. 15

Or

In view of the rising crime against women, write a letter to the Superintendent of Police of your District asking him to take necessary measures to ensure the safety of women.

3. Write an essay in about 600 words on any one of the following topics: 30

- (a) Tolerance is the key to national unity.
- (b) Rapid development of Arunachal Pradesh lies in the proper harnessing of her natural resources.
- (c) Success of Democracy lies in the existence of a free Press.

4. Amplify the idea contained in any of the following: 10

- (a) A man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder.
- (b) Experience is the best teacher.
- (c) Rome was not built in a day.

5. Make sentences with the given words (any five) as directed in the brackets: 5

- (i) seize (as noun) *seizure*
- (ii) Response (as adjective) *responsive*
- (iii) Ability (as adjective) *able*
- (iv) Successful (as verb) *succeed*
- (v) Obey (as adjective) *obedient*
- (vi) Hard (as noun) *hardness*

6. Correct and rewrite any five of the following sentences: 10

- (i) Where you are coming from?
- (ii) I wish I was dead.
- (iii) He was appointed in that post.
- (iv) He can swim, can he?
- (v) It is raining for a week.
- (vi) The Captain made two goals.

7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: 5

- (i) I am not involved ___ debt.
- (ii) He is conscious ___ his weakness.
- (iii) What is the key ___ the mystery?
- (iv) Do not judge a thing ___ its appearance.
- (v) He infused a new spirit ___ us.
