# English Language Proficiency Test PSC Recruitment (April 2024)

Position: Joint Secretary

Time: 3 hours

Total Marks: 80

#### Instructions:

- 1. This Paper consists of five sections
  - Section A Translation: 15 marks
  - Section B Writing: 35 marks
  - Section C Reading comprehension: 10 marks
  - Section D Grammar and Vocabulary: 10 marks
  - Section E General Knowledge: 10 marks
- 2. Read the instructions for each question (s) carefully.
- 3. Write the correct number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

# I. Section A: Translation

(15 marks)

Translate the following statement into English:

वित्य, नेशास्त्र क्रूचिशास्त्र हो म्यान्य क्रूचित्य स्वाप्त क्रुचित्य विवाय हे क्ष्री

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# II Section B: Writing

(35 marks)

1. Write an essay on any of the following topics (400-words).

(15 marks)

a) Philosophy of the Tibetan polity as enshrined in the preamble of the Charter for Tibetans-in-exile.

OR

b) Impacts of the geopolitical developments around the world on the Tibetan Freedom movement.

# 2. Write your thoughts on any of the following topics: (200 words) (10 marks)

a) Why the Middle Way Approach matters?

OR

b) Vision Paper of the 16th Kashag.

3. Letter Writing

(10 marks)

Write a letter to the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of India, seeking support for and solutions to the documentation issues faced by Tibetan refugee community.

# III Section C: Comprehension

(2x5=10 marks)

# Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

When I was a child, everyone I knew celebrated festivals the same way. In the family home with variety of sweets and savories made according to recipes jealously guarded by a grandmother. Days, often weeks, were spent in cutting, chopping, boiling, frying and storing these goodies to be shared with every neighbour and relatives within reach. As children, we became willing couriers, ferrying large platters, covered with crocheted doilies, for the reward of a silver coin that awaited us each end of the trip. My childhood was spent in Nainital, then a small, sleepy town high up in the Himalayan foothills and we lived literally on top of a hill. So, let me tell you that today I wouldn't carry even a feather up and down those steep slopes for all the gold in Fort Knox. In any case, who make those complicated (and unhealthy) sweets and savouries now?

I now package these memories as popular bedtime stories to tell my wide-eyed grandchildren. And they are bestsellers: I barely finish, when they beg another ("One more, please Ayya, tell us the one with the flowers"). Since my grandmother live abroad, additional information has to be provided ("Diwali is like Fourth July") to serve as cultural footnotes. Of course, there is an underlying regret for having surrendered something so vital as our language, dress and cuisine for another culture. But, if I can kindle a fairy world where food was cooked in huge pots and over firewood stoves, where spices were ground on stone grinders and water had to be stored because the kitchen had no taps, why not? In winter, I tell them, our cook had to melt snow to make the morning tea and their eyes become like saucers: this is better than Goldlocks' world. I can sense them think triumphantly.

### 1. In the paragraph, 'we became willing couriers' means that the children

- a) agreed to eat all that was cooked
- b) agreed to take food to others
- c) agreed to help in the preparation
- d) agreed to learn how to cook

#### 2. The 'trip' in the passage refers to

- a) journey in Nainital
- b) going to the neighbours and relatives
- c) walking to the top of the hill
- d) going to Fort Knox

## 3. The children listen to the narrator 'wide-eyed' meaning they are ...

- a) shocked
- b) bored

		c) happy d) surprised
	4.	The narrator has to provide additional information in the stories because  a) the grandchildren are too young to understand  b) the grandchildren have a different way of life  c) the grandchildren belong to a different generation  d) the grandchildren don't listen properly
	5.	Recalling her past fills the narrator with  a) nostalgia b) remorse c) shame d) contentment
IV	Section	on D: Grammar (1x10=10 marks)
	1.	Fill in the blanks with proper verbs
		a) They (be play ) this time.
		b) Whatyou(do) these days?
		c) He( take ) tea yet ?
		d) Dolma ( come ) before Jampa ( leave ) the place.
	2.	Change the voice of the following  a) They said that the house was haunted. b) Sit down. c) Lemons taste sour. d) Who is telling a lie?
	4.	Change the following sentences as directed in the brackets  a) I liked tea very much. (Negative)  b) They have taken the test. (Interrogative)  c) Close the window. (Negative)  d) Will they watch TV? (Affirmative)
	5.	<ul> <li>Change the narration</li> <li>a) She said to me. "Will you help me?"</li> <li>b) He says, "The earth is round."</li> <li>c) I said to him, "When I reached there, he was sleeping."</li> <li>d) Dorji said to Kalsang, "What were you doing then?"</li> </ul>
	6.	Add question tags to the following sentences

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a) has been for at least five years, a Regional Justice Commissioner

c) holds a post of Judge anywhere, for at least five years

b) holds a degree in Law from anywhere

d) none of the above

# 2. What does the phrase "Two Sessions" in PRC polity refers to:

- a) Annual meeting of the Central Committee of Communist Party of China (CCCPC) and Regional Committee of CPC
- b) Annual meeting of TAR government and Chinese Central government
- c) Annual meeting of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and National People's Congress
- d) None of the above

# 3. Who is the current Chinese Communist Party Secretary of TAR:

- a) Yan Jinhai
- b) Wang Junzheng
- c) Che Dalha
- d) Wang Yang

# 4. By what name China calls Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh:

- a) Xizang
- b) Zangnan
- c) Xinjiang
- d) Zanghai

# 5. On which Tibetan river is China planning to construct a hydropower station in Dege county that attracted international concern recently:

- a) Drichu (Upper Yangtse River)
- b) Machu (Yellow River)
- c) Gyalmo Ngulchu (Salween)
- d) Dzachu (Mekong River)

# 6. When was the 17th Tibetan Parliament-in-exile sworn in?

- a) 11 May, 2021
- b) 10 June, 2021
- c) 09 September, 2021
- d) 08 October, 2021

# 7. How many Chapters and Articles are there in the Charter of Tibetans-in-Exile?

- a) 10 Chapters and 120 Articles
- b) 11 Chapters and 115 Articles
- c) 12 Chapters and 110 Articles
- d) 13 Chapters and 105 Articles

- 8. Article 1 of the Charter of Tibetans-in-exile promulgates that His Holiness the Dalai Lama is ...
  - a) Protector and symbol of Tibet and Tibetan people
  - b) All compassionate beholder of the truth
  - c) Sovereign of Tibet and Tibetan Buddhism
  - d) Temporal and Spiritual Leader of the Tibetan people
- 9. Which one of the following US Congress resolutions is yet to be signed into law:
  - a) Resolve Tibet Act
  - b) Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act
  - c) Tibet Policy and Support Act
  - d) All of the above
- 10. UPR or Universal Periodic Review is a UN mechanism to
  - a) assess Human Rights records of the member states
  - b) assess Economic and Social development of the member state
  - c) assess Religious Freedom situation of the member states
  - d) assess Scientific research achievements of the member states

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