## English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT)

### PSC Recruitment (August, 2024)

English Paper

Time: 3 hours

Post: Section Officer

Total Marks: 80

Instruction: The Question Paper has two parts. Part One should be answered on the answer sheet provided. Part Two should be answered on the question paper itself and returned to the examiner (provide your Exam ID in given space).

#### **PART ONE**

### Section 1: Essay writing

(20 marks)

Write an essay on ONE of the following topics in approximately 500 words:

- a) The role of the Central Tibetan Administration in preserving Tibetan culture and identity in exile.
- b) Challenges and opportunities for Tibetan democracy in the 21st century.
- c) The importance of education in sustaining the Tibetan movement and community.

#### Section 2: Letter Writing

(10 marks)

Write a formal letter (approximately 250 words) addressing ONE of the following scenarios:

- a) As a department head in the Central Tibetan Administration, write a letter to an international NGO proposing a collaborative project on sustainable development in Tibetan settlements.
- b) Draft a letter to a foreign government official requesting support for Tibetan language education programs in exile communities.

#### **Section 3: Comprehension**

(10 marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The State Department's 2023 Report on International Religious Freedom, released June 26, 2023, says that as in previous years, there were "forced disappearances, arrests, physical abuse, and prolonged detentions without trial of monks, nuns, and other persons due to their religious practices."

Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken and Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom Rashad Hussain released the report at an event at the State Department.

The report says, "The government continued carrying out its 2019-23 five-year plan to Sinicize Buddhism in China by emphasizing loyalty to the CCP and the state. The Sinicization plan included Tibetan Buddhism, with the involvement of the state-run BAG. Regulations promulgated in 2020 and 2021 further formalized administrative procedures for Sinicizing all religions, including Tibetan Buddhism, in order to "follow the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics," "correctly handle the relationship between national law and canon," and place more ideological controls on the training, selection, and monitoring of clergy."

Further, the report says, "Authorities continued to require Buddhist monasteries to translate texts from Tibetan to Mandarin in what observers said was an effort to erase the Tibetan language. Authorities also continued to force monasteries to display portraits of CCP leaders and Tibetans to replace images of the Dalai Lama and other lamas in their homes with portraits of CCP leaders, including former Chairman Mao Zedong and General Secretary and PRC President Xi Jinping. Images of the Dalai Lama were banned, with harsh repercussions for owning or displaying his image. Repression, including arbitrary surveillance, increased around politically sensitive events, religious anniversaries, cultural events with religious components, and the Dalai Lama's birthday. Authorities canceled or curtailed lay attendance at religious events, including some that had received advanced official approval."

#### **Questions:**

- 1. What is the report about and which Department of USA govt. is involved in the publishing of this report? (2 marks)
- 2. Identify the key issue raised in the report. (2 marks)
- 3. What does Sinicization means, according to the report? (2 marks)
- 4. Provide the names of the CCP leaders whose portraits are forced to display? (2 marks)
- 5. What are the varied forms of repressions the CCP govt. is carrying out in Tibet, according to the report? (2 marks)

# Section 4: Translation from Tibetan to English

(10 marks)

Translate the following Tibetan text into English:

लबाबाग्रीया हुं हुं न्यावटा लूटी
लबाबाग्रीया हुं हुं न्यावटा लुं हुं हुं न्यावटा लुं हुं हुं न्यावटा हुं हुं हुं न्यावटा हुं हुं न्यावटा ह

# PART TWO

	Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ). Ensure to enter your exam ID			
	Section 5: English Grammar (Objective Type) (1x15=15 marks)			
	Which of the following is the correct passive voice of "The Kashag approved the new policy"?			
	<ul><li>a) The new policy approved by the Kashag.</li><li>b) The new policy was approved by the Kashag.</li><li>c) The new policy is being approved by the Kashag.</li><li>d) The new policy has been approving by the Kashag.</li></ul>			
2	2) Select the correct form of the verb:			
	The Central Tibetan Administration (work) tirelessly to preserve Tibetan culture since its establishment.			
	a) works b) has been working c) is working d) worked			
3	3) Choose correct antonym of "cognizance":			
	a) awareness, b) knowledge, c) ignorance d) enlighten			
4)	) Identify the correct sentence:			
	<ul> <li>a) The Sikyong and his cabinet members is attending the conference.</li> <li>b) The Sikyong and his cabinet members are attending the conference.</li> <li>c) The Sikyong and his cabinet members was attending the conference.</li> <li>d) The Sikyong and his cabinet members were attending the conference.</li> </ul>			
5)	Which word best describes a reluctant acceptance or passive agreement without protest?  a) acquiescence b) belligerence c) vehemence d) intransigence			
6)	Fill the blank with the correct word: She has been working here five years.  a) Since b) Till c) For d) From			
7)	Fill the blank with the correct word: The committee has to postpone the meeting.  a) Decided b) Decides c) Both d) Neither			
8)	Choose the best replacement word to the underlined word in this sentence: The manager gave an <u>eloquent</u> speech.  a) Brief b) Unclear c) Persuasive d) Horrible			

9) Choose the best replacement word to the underlined word in this sentence: The weather is			
	ry <u>harsh</u> in winter. Mild b) Severe c) Pleasant d) Ho	ot	
	and the second that		
101-	nobse the granimaticany correct semence.		
	a) The committee have decided on their course of action.	<ul> <li>c) The committee have decided on its course of action.</li> </ul>	
	b) The committee has decided on its	d) The committee has decided on	
	course of action.	their course of action.	
11) W	hat is the synonym of 'Accountability'?		
	a) Responsibility b) Ignorance	c) Avoidance d) Secrecy	
12)	Choose the correctly punctuated sentence		
	a) The director said "We must increase a	ccountability."	
	<ul><li>b) The director said, "We must increase</li><li>c) The director, said "We must increase</li></ul>	accountability."	
	d) The director said, "We must increase	accountability".	
13) Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct.			
	a) Each of the managers have their	<ul> <li>c) Each of the managers have his own office.</li> </ul>	
	own office. b) Each of the managers has their	d) Each of the managers has his	
	own office.	own office.	
14) Identify the main idea of the following sentence: "Ensuring transparency and			
accountability in public administration is essential for building public trus		essential for building public trust and promoting	
	ethical governance."		
	a) Public administration requires	c) Ethical governance is not related to transparency.	
	secrecy. b) Transparency and accountability	d) Public trust can be ignored in	
	are crucial for trust and ethics.	administration.	
15) Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: "To c		n: "To call a spade a spade."	
)	:	untly c) To play fair d) To be uncertain	
	a) To deceive someone b) To speak bl		

# Section 6: General Knowledge

(1x15 = 15 marks)

Choose the correct answers:

- As of 2024, who is the current Chairman of the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) as 1. appointed by the Chinese government?
  - a) Chen Quanguo b) Wu Yingjie c) Yan Jinhai d) Qizhala
- In which year did His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama establish the Tibetan Government-2. in-Exile (known as the Central Tibetan Administration) in India?
  - a) 1949 b) 1959 c) 1965 d) 1971
- What is the "Middle Way Approach" in the context of Tibetan politics, and who proposed 3. it?
  - a) Complete independence from China, proposed by H.E. the Panchen Lama
  - b) Genuine autonomy within China, proposed by H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama
  - c) Full integration with China, proposed by the Chinese government
  - d) Shared governance with China, proposed by H.E. the Karmapa
- Which document is considered the constitution of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile? 4.
  - a) The Seventeen Point Agreement
  - b) The Charter of the Tibetans in Exile
  - c) The Tibet Policy Act
  - d) The Lhasa Convention
- 5. In which year was the first direct election for the Sikyong position held?
  - a) 2001 b) 2011 c) 1991 d) 2021
- What is the name of the Tibetan parliament in exile? 6.
  - a) Tibetan People's Assembly
  - b) Tibetan National Congress
  - c) Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile
  - d) Kashag Assembly
- 7. Which country hosts the largest Tibetan exile population outside of India?
  - a) United States b) Canada c) Nepal d) Switzerland
- What is the official residence of H.H. the Dalai Lama in exile? 8.

a) Potala Palace b) Norbulingka c) Namgyal Monastery d) Thekchen Choeling

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- 9. Who is recognized as the 11th Panchen Lama by H.H. the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan
  - a) Gyaltsen Norbu
  - b) Gedhun Choekyi Nyima
  - c) Lobsang Trinley Lhündrub Chökyi Gyaltsen
  - d) Choekyi Gyaltsen
- 10. Which international organization do Tibetans often appeal to for support in their cause?
  - a) NATO b) ASEAN c) United Nations d) European Union
- 11. What is the name of the annual report published by the Central Tibetan Administration on the human rights situation in Tibet?
  - a) Tibet in Chains
  - b) State of Tibet
  - c) Tibet: The Human Cost
  - d) White Paper on Human Rights
- 12. What is the name of the official news agency of the Central Tibetan Administration?
  - a) Tibet Times b) Voice of Tibet c) Tibet Post International d) Tibet News Bureau
- 13. In which year did China establish the Tibet Autonomous Region?
  - a) 1949 b) 1959 c) 1965 d) 1971
- 14. What is the term for the traditional Tibetan government system that existed before 1950?
  - a) Ganden Phodrang b) Kashag c) Tsongdu d) Yabshi Taktse
- 15. How many "Offices of Tibet" are there around the world?
  - a) Five, b) Seven, c) Nine, d) Eleven, e) Thirteen