

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."

PART TWO

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ). Ensure to enter your exam ID.....

Section 5: English Grammar (Objective Type)

(1x15=15 marks)

- 1) Which of the following is the correct passive voice of "The Kashag approved the new policy"?
 - a) The new policy approved by the Kashag.
 - b) The new policy was approved by the Kashag.
 - c) The new policy is being approved by the Kashag.
 - d) The new policy has been approving by the Kashag.

- 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) Choose correct antonym of "cognizance":
 - a) awareness,
 - b) knowledge,
 - c) ignorance
 - d) enlighten

- 4) Identify the correct sentence:
 - a) The Sikyong and his cabinet members is attending the conference.
 - b) The Sikyong and his cabinet members are attending the conference.
 - c) The Sikyong and his cabinet members was attending the conference.
 - d) The Sikyong and his cabinet members were attending the conference.

- 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 eloquent 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 very harsh in winter.

- a) Mild b) Severe c) Pleasant d) Hot

10) Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- a) The committee have decided on their course of action. c) The committee have decided on its course of action.
b) The committee has decided on its course of action. d) The committee has decided on their course of action.

11) What 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 accountability."
b) The director said, "We must increase accountability."
c) The director, said "We must increase accountability."
d) The director said, "We must increase accountability".

13) Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct.

- a) Each of the managers have their own office. c) Each of the managers have his own office.
b) Each of the managers has their own office. d) Each of the managers has his own office.

14) Identify the main idea of the following sentence: "Ensuring transparency and accountability in public administration is essential for building public trust and promoting ethical governance."

- a) Public administration requires secrecy. c) Ethical governance is not related to transparency.
b) Transparency and accountability are crucial for trust and ethics. d) Public trust can be ignored in administration.

15) Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: "To call a spade a spade."

- a) To deceive someone b) To speak bluntly c) To play fair d) To be uncertain

Section 6: General Knowledge

(1x15 = 15 marks)

Choose the correct answers:

1. As of 2024, who is the current Chairman of the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) as appointed by the Chinese government?
a) Chen Quanguo b) Wu Yingjie c) Yan Jinhai d) Qizhala
2. In which year did His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama establish the Tibetan Government-in-Exile (known as the Central Tibetan Administration) in India?
a) 1949 b) 1959 c) 1965 d) 1971
3. What is the "Middle Way Approach" in the context of Tibetan politics, and who proposed 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
4. Which document is considered the constitution of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile?
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
6. What is the name of the Tibetan parliament in exile?
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
8. What is the official residence of H.H. the Dalai Lama in exile?

- a) Potala Palace b) Norbulingka c) Namgyal Monastery d) Thekchen Choeling
9. Who is recognized as the 11th Panchen Lama by H.H. the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government-in-Exile?
- 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

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