

English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT)

PSC Examination (August, 2024)

Post: Under Secretary

Time: 3 hours

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 600 words:

- a) Analyze the effectiveness of the Central Tibetan Administration's diplomatic strategies in advancing the Tibetan cause on the international stage. Provide specific examples and suggest potential improvements.
- b) Evaluate the long-term sustainability of the Tibetan exile community, considering demographic changes, cultural preservation, and political challenges. Propose innovative solutions to address identified issues.
- c) Examine the role of technology and digital media in modern Tibetan activism and cultural preservation. Discuss both opportunities and risks, and propose a comprehensive strategy for the CTA to leverage these tools effectively.

Section 2: Letter Writing

(10 marks)

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

- a) As a Tibetan Settlement Officer of a southern Tibetan Settlement of Mundgod, write a letter to the District Collector/Commissioner of Karwar bringing his attention to the dismal road condition of the settlement and seeking his support in the renovation work.
- b) Write a letter on behalf of Central Tibetan Administration's Department of Home to the District Administration of Kangra to draw the local authorities' attention towards the constant traffic menace at the entrance of the CTA premises seeking long term solution.

Section 3: Comprehension/Critical Analysis

(15 marks)

Read the following excerpt from the US State Department's 2023 Report on International Religious Freedom 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 BAC. 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. Critically analyze the effectiveness of international reports like this in influencing Chinese policy towards Tibet. (5 marks)
2. How might the CTA leverage such reports in its diplomatic efforts? Provide specific strategies and potential outcomes. (5 marks)
3. Evaluate the long-term implications of the "Sinicization" process described in the report for Tibetan cultural identity. Propose counter-strategies the CTA could implement. (5 marks)

Section 4: Translation

(10 marks)

Translate the following Tibetan text into English:

༄༅། བོད་མི་ལ་ ༢༠༢༣ ལོའི་ ༧ ཉམ་ཚེས་ ༢༦ ཉིན་བོད་མིའི་སྤྱི་ལམ་འཛུགས་ནས་ཨ་རིའི་གོ་སྐོར་ཚོགས་ཀྱི་ཆེས་མཐོའི་སྐུ་ཚབ་ཚོགས་
ཚུངས་ལ་དགའ་བསུ་བྱ་རྒྱུའི་གཞུང་འབྲེལ་མཛད་སྒོ་ཞིག་བཞུགས་སྐར་དྲ་རམ་ས་ལའི་ཐོག་ཆེན་ཆོས་སྐོང་གཙུག་ལག་ཁང་གི་

དབུ་གཡེབ་ཏུ་གོ་སྐྱོད་གནང་རྒྱུ། ཨ་རིའི་གྲོས་ཚོགས་འཕུས་མི་རྣམས་ལ་བོད་དོན་ལ་རྒྱབ་སྐྱོར་གཡོ་མེད་གནང་བཞིན་པར་
བཀའ་དྲིན་རྗེས་དྲན་དང་འབྲེལ་ཆེ་བསྟོན་ཞུས་གནང་ཡོད་པ་རེད།

དེ་ཡང་གོང་ཚོས་ཉེན་ཉེན་གྱི་རྒྱ་དྲོ་རྒྱ་ཚོད་ ༠༧༥༠ རྒྱལ་ཨ་རིའི་གྲོས་ཚོགས་འོག་མའི་ཕྱི་སྲིད་ལས་དོན་ཚོགས་ཚུང་གི་ཚོགས་གཙོ་
དང་ཕྱི་མཐུན་ཚོགས་པའི་འཕུས་མི་སྤྱི་ཞབས་མ་ཉི་ཀལ་མེག་གོལ་ (Michael McCaul) མཚོག་གིས་དབུ་བྲིད་པའི་ཨ་
རིའི་གྲོས་ཚོགས་ཀྱི་ཚོགས་གཙོ་ཟུར་པ་ལུམ་སྤུ་ལེན་སི་པེ་ལོ་སི་ (Nancy Pelosi) མཚོག་དང་། གྲོས་ཚོགས་འོག་མའི་ཕྱི་
སྲིད་ལས་དོན་ཚོགས་ཚུང་གི་མང་གཙོ་ཚོགས་པའི་འགོ་བྲིད་སྤྱི་ཞབས་སླེ་རེ་གོ་རི་མེག་ (Gregory Meeks) མཚོག་ ཨ་
རིའི་གྲོས་ཚོགས་འོག་མའི་ཕྱི་སྲིད་འཕུས་ཚོགས་ཚུང་གི་ཚོགས་གཞིན་སྤྱི་ཞབས་ཇིམ་མེག་སློ་ཏུན་ (Jim McGovern)
མཚོག་ གྲོས་ཚོགས་འོག་མའི་ཕྱི་སྲིད་ལས་དོན་ཚོགས་ཚུང་གི་ནང་གསེས་རྒྱ་གར་ཞི་བདེ་རྒྱ་མཚོའི་ཚོགས་ཚུང་གིས་ཚོགས་
གཞིན་སྤྱི་ཞབས་ཨ་མི་ལེ་རེ་ (Ami Bera) མཚོག་ གྲོས་ཚོགས་འཕུས་མི་ལུམ་སྤུ་ལེ་ལོ་ལོ་ཏུ་གིས་ (Nicole
Malliotakis) མཚོག་ དཔལ་ལྷན་བོད་མི་མང་སྤྱི་འཕུས་ཚོགས་གཙོ་མཐུན་པོ་བསོད་ནམས་བཞུན་འཕེལ་མཚོག་ བོད་
མིའི་སྐྱོད་འཕྲུགས་ཀྱི་དཔལ་ལྷན་སྲིད་སྲོད་སྲེན་པ་ཚེ་རིང་མཚོག་ བོད་མི་མང་སྤྱི་འཕུས་ཚོགས་གཞིན་སྤྱི་ཞབས་ཚེ་རིང་མཚོག་
ཚོས་མཐོའི་ཁྲིམས་ཞེབ་པ་གཞན་བཞུན་འཛིན་ལུང་རྟོགས་མཚོག་ བདེ་སྲུང་བཀའ་སློན་རྒྱ་རི་སྐྱོལ་མ་མཚོག་ ཕྱི་དྲིལ་བཀའ་
སློན་ལོར་འཛིན་སྐྱོལ་མ་མཚོག་ དབུས་འོས་བསམ་ལས་ཁང་གི་འགན་འཛིན་དང་ལས་བྱེད་འདེམས་ལུན་ཚོགས་གཙོ་དཔེ་ཟུར་
དབང་འདུས་ཚེ་རིང་མཚོག་ བོད་མི་མང་སྤྱི་འཕུས་རྒྱུན་ལས་རྣམས་ལ། ལུན་ཁང་ཁག་གི་དྲུང་ཆེ་རྒྱུང་གཙོས་པའི་སྤྱི་ཞུའི་ལས་
བྱེད་རྣམས་ལ། གཞུང་དང་གཞུང་ཁོངས་མིན་པའི་ཚོགས་སྡེ་ཁག་གི་སྤྱི་ཚབ་རྣམས་ལ། ས་གནས་བོད་མི་དང་སྐྱོབ་སྤྱོད་གསར་
འགོད་པ་སོགས་ཚང་འཛོམས་ཀྱི་ཐོག་མར་བོད་ཀྱི་སློབ་གར་ཚོགས་པའི་སྤྱི་ཚབ་བ་རྣམས་ནས་རྩ་རྩལ་དང་བཅས་བོད་རྒྱལ་
ཁབ་ཆེན་པོའི་རྒྱལ་སྤྱི་གཏོང་སྤྱོད་ དཔལ་ལྷན་སྲིད་སྲོད་མཚོག་གིས་བོད་ཀྱི་རྒྱལ་དར་མཁའ་དབྱིངས་སུ་སྐྱེད་འཕྲུགས་གནང་།

Section 5: In-depth Knowledge and Strategic Thinking (10 marks)

Answer any TWO of the following questions:

1. Compare and contrast the governance structures of the Central Tibetan Administration and the Tibet Autonomous Region. How do these differences impact potential negotiations? (5 marks)
2. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the Middle Way Approach in the current geopolitical climate. Suggest potential adaptations to increase its effectiveness. (5 marks)
3. Analyze the role of Tibetan Buddhist institutions in exile in maintaining cultural continuity and political unity. Address any challenges or controversies. (5 marks)
4. Discuss the potential impacts of changing international relations, particularly between China and India, on the Tibetan exile community. Propose strategies for the CTA to navigate these shifts. (5 marks)
5. Examine the challenges and opportunities presented by the growing Tibetan diaspora in Western countries for the CTA's mission and operations. (5 marks)
6. The US Congress recently passed the "Resolve Tibet Act", and was signed by the US President into law on 12 July, 2024. Give a brief account of the contents of the 'Act' and its impact on Sino-Tibet conflict? (5 marks)

PART TWO

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

Section 6: English Language Skills /Grammar

(1x15=15 marks)

Instructions: Answer all questions in this section. Each question carries equal marks unless specified otherwise.

1. Identify and correct any errors in the following paragraph, explaining your corrections:

"The Sikyong, along with their cabinet, are responsible for implementing policies that effects both the exile community and our efforts to support Tibetans in Tibet. While facing numerous challenges, the administration have made significant strides in areas such as education, health care, and cultural preservation, whom are critical for the long-term survival of Tibetan identity."

2. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: The government implemented new policies to _____ economic growth.

- a) impede b) hinder c) stimulate d) obstruct

3. Select the best synonym for "transparency" in the context of governance:

- a) Opacity b) Openness c) Secrecy d) Complexity

4. Identify the correct meaning of the phrase "checks and balances":

- a) Financial audits b) System to prevent abuse of power

- c) Budget allocations d) Voting procedures

5. Select the word that does NOT belong in this group:

- a) Legislation b) Regulation c) Statute d) Rebellion

6. Identify the correct definition of "bureaucracy":

- a) A system of govt. by one person b) A system of gov't by elected representatives

- c) A system of gov't by the wealthy d) A system of govt. by officials & administrators

7. Select the correct word to complete the sentence: The _____ of power is a key principle in democratic governance.

- a) centralization b) concentration c) separation d) amalgamation

8. Choose the correct antonym for "democratic":
a) Republican b) Authoritarian c) Liberal d) Constitutional
9. Identify the correct meaning of "referendum":
a) A diplomatic meeting b) A public vote on a specific issue
c) A type of tax d) A government department
10. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence: The government must _____ to address the concerns of its citizens.
a) take into account b) take after c) take on d) take over
11. Identify the passive voice construction:
a) The president signed the treaty. b) The treaty was signed by the president.
c) The president is signing the treaty. d) The president will sign the treaty.
12. Select the correct meaning of "constituency":
a) A government building b) A political party
c) An electoral district d) A type of tax
13. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: The minister's statement was _____, leaving room for multiple interpretations.
a) explicit b) ambiguous c) straightforward d) clear
14. Identify the correct meaning of "filibuster":
a) A type of political campaign b) A form of protest
c) A legislature obstruction tactic d) A government official
15. What does a referendum mean in a democracy?:
a) To elect political leaders b) To allow citizens to vote directly on specific issues
c) To appoint judges d) To pass annual budgets

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