

**THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT AT GUWAHATI**

(The High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh)

**Main Written Examination for Direct Recruitment to Grade-III of Arunachal Pradesh  
Judicial Service, 2022**

Date: 12.11.2022 (Saturday)  
Total Marks : 100

Time : 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon  
Duration : 3 Hours

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**PAPER – I (ENGLISH)**

1. Write an essay on any 1 (one) of the following topics : 15x1=15

- (a) Vanishing greenery and its impact.
- (b) Death of the book in the digital age.
- (c) Online Shopping – Benefits and Drawbacks.

2. Read the passage below and answer the items that follow: 2x3= 6

He walked several miles that day but could not get anything to eat or drink except some dry bread and some water, which he got from cottagers and farmers. As night fell, he slept on a haystack. He felt frightened at first, for the wind blew strongly over the empty fields. He felt cold and hungry, and was feeling more lonely than he had ever felt before. He soon fell asleep, being much tired from his long walk. When he got up the next morning, he was feeling terribly hungry and so he purchased a loaf of bread with a few coins that he had.

- (i) When the night fell, he slept
  - (a) in the open field
  - (b) on a pile of dry grass
  - (c) in a farmer's cottage
  - (d) under a tree
- (ii) He soon fell asleep because
  - (a) he was exhausted
  - (b) he was all alone
  - (c) he had not slept for days
  - (d) he was very frightened
- (iii) The cottagers and farmers gave him enough food for him to go off to sleep
  - (a) statement is factually true
  - (b) statement is factually incorrect

3. Read the passage-give a title and write a précis not above 75 words: 2+7=9

It was already late when we set out from the village for the next town, which according to the map was about fifteen kilometers away on the other side of the hills. We were hoping that we would find a bed to sleep for the night there. Darkness soon fell after we left the village, but luckily there was less traffic and we could drive swiftly along the narrow winding road that led to the hills. As we climbed higher, it became colder and rain began to fall, making it difficult at times to see the road. I asked Amit, my companion, to drive more slowly. After we had travelled for about twenty kilometers, there was still no sign of the town which was marked on the map. We were beginning to get worried. Then, without any warning, the car stopped and we found we had run out of petrol. (150 words)

4. Choose the word closest in meaning to the capitalized word : 1x10=10

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| (i) ALTITUDE   | (a) behaviour<br>(b) height<br>(c) position<br>(d) ambition                        |
| (ii) GRANDIOSE | (a) imposing<br>(b) unpretentious<br>(c) boring<br>(d) lanky                       |
| (iii) CALAMITY | (a) almighty<br>(b) climate<br>(c) calm<br>(d) catastrophe                         |
| (iv) DE FACTO  | (a) old<br>(b) actual<br>(c) beginning<br>(d) factual                              |
| (v) ABEYANCE   | (a) abstinence<br>(b) temporary suspension<br>(c) hatred<br>(d) to evade           |
| (vi) EMBARGO   | (a) imposition of duty<br>(b) suspension of trade<br>(c) clear out<br>(d) promoted |
| (vii) ORDAIN   | (a) arrange<br>(b) contribute<br>(c) command<br>(d) settle                         |

(viii) DECIMATE

- (a) augment
- (b) vacate
- (c) divide
- (d) destroy

(ix) CONTAGIOUS

- (a) consummate
- (b) contaminate
- (c) infeasible
- (d) infectious

(x) APPOSITE

- (a) inapt
- (b) opposite
- (c) relevant
- (d) casual

5. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the capitalized word :

1x10=10

(i) APPLICABLE

- (a) irrelevant
- (b) deleterious
- (c) irreparable
- (d) inundate

(ii) DOCILE

- (a) virtuous
- (b) grotesque
- (c) contentious
- (d) stubborn

(iii) JUDICIOUS

- (a) desirable
- (b) rash
- (c) painful
- (d) rude

(iv) DEFENDANT

- (a) claimant
- (b) opposite party
- (c) plaintiff
- (d) clerk

(v) UNTENABLE

- (a) viable
- (b) unsound
- (c) consistent
- (d) superior

(vi) SACROSANCT

- (a) religious
- (b) sanctimonious
- (c) sacramental
- (d) unholy

(vii) IRRITABLE

- (a) trouble
- (b) irrefutable
- (c) cheerful
- (d) tactful

(viii) CURTAIL (a) criticise  
(b) renounce  
(c) forbid  
(d) increase

(ix) NEFARIOUS (a) wicked  
(b) reprehensible  
(c) pious  
(d) coherent

(x) ABROGATE (a) enact  
(b) entice  
(c) disinfect  
(d) tarnish

6. Which of the following spellings is correct. 1x5=5

- (i) (a) Concensus (b) Consensus (c) Consenssus (d) Consensus  
(ii) (a) Procede (b) Proceed (c) Proceede (d) Proced  
(iii) (a) Questionaire (b) Questionneire (c) Questionnaire (d) Questionnair  
(iv) (a) Grevance (b) Greivance (c) Grievance (d) Grievence  
(v) (a) Embarrass (b) Embarras (c) Embbarras (d) Embarraas

7. Correct the following sentences and re-write the sentences. 2x5=10

- (i) Always attend your teacher's instructions.  
(ii) The old woman live alone in a thatched house.  
(iii) I must ran fast to catch up with him.  
(iv) The doctor is in a hospital round.  
(v) The horse suddenly break into a run.

8. Choose the appropriate word or words to fill up the blanks. 2x5=10

- (i) Make hay.....the sun shines.  
(a) when (b) where (c) while (d) whence  
(ii) Nobody believed Arun at first, but he.....to be right.  
(a) worked out (b) came out (c) found out (d) turned out  
(iii) I really object.....people smoking in my house.  
(a) about (b) for (c) to (d) on

(iv) **The police are.....with enforcement of law and order.**

- (a) responsible (b) entrusted (c) accountable (d) necessary

(v) **The dog jumped.....the table.**

- (a) up (b) into (c) in (d) upon

9. **Choose the exact meaning of the idioms/phrases**

2x5=10

(i) **A wild-goose chase :**

- (a) A wise search  
(b) A fruitful search  
(c) A worthwhile hunt  
(d) A futile pursuit

(ii) **To die in harness :**

- (a) Die while being active  
(b) Die while in poverty  
(c) Die while fighting  
(d) Die while in old age

(iii) **Cool as a cucumber :**

- (a) Not nervous or emotional  
(b) Caught cold  
(c) Was happy  
(d) Was scared

(iv) **To give the game away :**

- (a) To lose the game  
(b) To give a walk-over in a game  
(c) To reveal the secret  
(d) To play the game badly

(v) **Gift of the gab :**

- (a) Gift for hard work  
(b) Gift undeserved  
(c) Gift of being a good conversationalist  
(d) Gift from unknown person

10. **Arrange the jumbled/mixed-up sentences below in the correct format** 2x5=10

- (i) long/ never/ car/ are/ journeys/ pleasant  
(ii) delayed/ denied/ is/ justice/ justice  
(iii) policy/ honesty/ is/ best/ always/ the  
(iv) hands/ with/ clean/ he/ who/ equity/ seeks/ must/ come  
(v) reasonable/all/doubt/prosecution/guilt/accused/must/prove/of/beyond

11. Choose the correct word from the 'same-sounding' words given below : 1x5=5

- (i) Would you like to have a \_\_\_\_\_ of cake ?  
(a) peace  
(b) piece
- (ii) There was a wild \_\_\_\_\_ in the jungle.  
(a) bear  
(b) bare
- (iii) She is a very \_\_\_\_\_ girl.  
(a) vane  
(b) vain
- (iv) His fever made him feel \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) week  
(b) weak
- (v) Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me or should I speak up ?  
(a) hear  
(b) here

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