

HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA
AGARTALA

EXAMINATION FOR DIRECT RECRUITMENT TO GRADE III OF
TRIPURA JUDICIAL SERVICES, 2024

ENGLISH

100 marks

Time allowed: 3 hours

- Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting the questions:
- All questions to be attempted mandatorily
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it
- Answers must be written in **ENGLISH** only
- Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in answer booklet must be struck off

Question 1. Write an essay in about 1000 words on any of the following topics:

(30 marks)

- A. Artificial Intelligence in Judiciary
- B. Barriers to Access to Justice in India
- C. Protection of human rights: Indian scenario

Question 2. Write a précis of the following passage in your own words but in 1/3rd of the original length:

(20 marks)

Despite their many differences, all human species share several defining characteristics. Most notably, humans have extraordinarily large brains compared to other animals. Mammals weighing sixty kilograms have an average brain size of 200 cubic centimeters. The earliest men and women, 2.5 million years ago, had brains of about 600 cubic centimeters. Modern Sapiens sport a brain averaging 1,200-1,400 cubic meters. Neanderthal brains were even bigger.

That evolution should select for larger brains may seem to us like, well, a no-brainer. We are so enamoured of our high intelligence that we assume that when it comes to cerebral power, more must be better. But, if that were the case, the feline family would also have produced cats who could do calculus and frogs would by now have launched their own space programme. Why are giant brains so rare in the animal kingdom?

The fact is that a jumbo brain is a jumbo drain of the body. It's not easy to carry around, especially when encased inside a massive skull. It's even harder to fuel. In *Homo sapiens*, the brain accounts for about 2-3 per cent of total body weight, but it consumes 25 percent of the body's energy when the body is at rest. By comparison, the brains of other apes require only 8 percent of rest-time energy. Archaic humans paid for their large brains in two ways. Firstly, they spent more time in search of food. Secondly, their muscles atrophied. Like a government diverting money from defence to education, humans diverted energy from biceps to neurons. It's hardly a foregone conclusion that this is a good strategy for survival on the savannah. A chimpanzee can't win an argument with a *Homo sapiens*, but the ape can rip the man apart like a rag doll.

Today, our big brains pay off nicely, because we can produce cars and guns that enable us to move faster than chimps, and shoot them from a safe distance instead of wrestling. But, cars and guns are a recent phenomenon. For more than 2 million years, human neural networks kept growing and growing, but apart from some flint knives and pointed sticks, humans had precious little to show for it. What then draw forward the evolution of the massive human brain during those 2 million years? Frankly, we don't know.

Another singular human trait is that we walk upright on two legs. Standing up, it's easier to scan the savannah for game or enemies, and arms that are unnecessary for locomotion are freed for other purposes like throwing stones or signaling. The more things these hands could do, the more successful their owners were, so evolutionary pressure brought about an increasing concentration of nerves and finely tuned muscles in the palms and fingers. As a result, humans can perform very intricate tasks with their hands. In particular, they can produce and use sophisticated tools. The first evidence for tool production dates from about 2.5

million years ago, and the manufacture and use of tools are the criteria by which archaeologists recognise ancient humans.

Question 3. Use the following words to make sentences that bring out their meaning clearly, do not change the form of the words. No marks will be given for vague and ambiguous sentences

(1x10= 10 marks)

- A. Furtive
- B. Tacit
- C. Intrepid
- D. Defenestration
- E. Disseminate
- F. Coruscate
- G. Contrive
- H. Extortionate
- I. Debacle
- J. Boisterous

Question 4. Use the following idioms/phrases in your own sentences to bring out their meaning clearly. Do not change the form of words:

(1x5= 5 marks)

- A. A dime a dozen
- B. Hit the nail on the head
- C. Up in arms
- D. Zero in on
- E. Devil's advocate

Question 5. Write the antonyms of the following words

(1x5= 5 marks)

- A. Acrimony
- B. Indigent
- C. Morbid
- D. Perturbed
- E. Decipher

Question 6. Select the appropriate word for the given blank

(1x5=5 marks)

- A. Men worked for years to _____ Borobudur temple to its former glory (restore/create)
- B. He was caught red handed and could not _____ the charges (rebuke/refute)
- C. A _____ of Japanese artists stepped off the coach amidst a warm welcome (troupe/gang)
- D. _____ Politicians are always respected. (Conscious/Conscientious)
- E. It was his _____ that led him to penury. (extravagance/flamboyance)

Question 7. Read the following sentences and use has/have/had appropriately

(1x5=5 marks)

- A. My parents__ gone to a party a few days back.
- B. All the members of the committee ____ arrived now.
- C. Lady Macbeth __ a lust for power.
- D. __he not moved to a new city he wouldn't be sick.
- E. We ____ not visited the new park yet.

Question 8. The following sentences are given in active voice. Rewrite them in passive voice using the past perfect tense.

(1x10=10 marks)

- A. She had completed the assignment.
- B. They had fixed the car.
- C. He had sold the house.
- D. The chef had prepared a delicious meal.
- E. Someone had stolen my wallet.
- F. The team had won the championship.
- G. The company launched a new product last year.
- H. She had finished the project on time.
- I. They had built a new playground.
- J. She had organized the event.

Question 9. Correct the following underlined words in the sentences without changing their meaning

(1x10=10 marks)

- A. If the books have been catalogued last week, why haven't they been placed on the shelf?
- B. Jessica Mitford wrote The American Way of Death, a best-selling book that led eventually to an official investigation of the funeral industry.
- C. By next month, Ms. Jones will be Mayor of Tallahassee for two years.
- D. If he would have revised his first draft, he would have received a better grade.
- E. If I had the address, I would have delivered the package myself.
- F. Arctic trees are scrubbiest than trees in milder climates.
- G. Valarie claims that cats made the best pets.
- H. If I would have known about the team try-outs, I would have signed up for them.
- I. The helium-filled balloon rose in the air.
- J. Do you know that these gloves have lay on the bureau all week?