

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS
(PERSONNEL WING)**

**CONDUCT OF DIRECT RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION FOR SELECTION TO THE
POST OF STENOGRAPHER GRADE – II, 2023**

INSTRUCTIONS TO DICTATORS:

1. The following passage is to be dictated to the candidate **once only**, in loud and distinct voice, no word or phrase being repeated and no punctuation marks mentioned.
 2. The passage is to be dictated at the rate of **80 words per minute**.
 3. The passage is marked into portions of one minute's duration and each of these is sub-divided into quarters. The reader will read with a watch in his/her hand and notice every quarter minute
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Each time a new President assumes office, we bear witness to the enduring strength of our Constitution and we affirm / the promise of our democracy. We recall that what binds this nation together is not the colours of our skin // or the tenets of our faith or the origins of our names. What makes us is our belief to an /// idea articulated in a declaration made more than two centuries ago that all men are created equal, that they are (1) gifted by their creator with certain inseparable rights and that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. / Today we continue an endless journey to bridge the meaning of those words with the realities of our time. Our //

patriotic ancestors did not fight to replace the king with the privileges of a few or the rule of a /// mob. They gave us a republic, a government of, and by, and for the people, entrusting each generation to keep (2) safe our founding principles. Together, we determined that a modern economy requires railways and highways to speed travel and commerce, / schools and colleges to train our workers. Together, we discovered that a free market only thrives when there are rules // to ensure competition and fair play. Together, we resolved that a great nation must care for the vulnerable, and protect /// its people from the worst

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hazards and misfortune. Our celebration of initiative and enterprise, our insistence on hard work and **(3)** personal responsibility, are constants in our character. But we have always understood that when times change, so must we. No / single person can train all the maths and science teachers we will need to equip our children for the future // or build the roads and networks and research labs that will bring new jobs and businesses to our shores. Now, /// more than ever, we must do these things together, as one nation and one people. This generation has been tested **(4)** by problems that strengthened our resolve and proved our resilience. An economic recovery has begun. For we understand that our / country cannot succeed when a shrinking few do very well and a growing many barely make it. We believe that // our prosperity must rest upon the broad shoulders of a rising middle class. We know that the nation thrives when ///

every person can find independence and pride in their work and when the wages of honest labour liberate families from **(5)** the brink of hardship. We understand that the existing schemes are inadequate to the needs of our time. We must / harness new ideas and technology to remake our government, revamp our tax code, reform our schools, and empower our citizens // with the skills they need to work harder, learn more and reach higher levels. We still believe that every citizen /// deserves a basic measure of security and dignity. We do not believe that in this country freedom is reserved for **(6)** the lucky, or happiness for the few. We recognize that no matter how responsibly we live our lives, any one / of us at any time may face a job loss, or a sudden illness, or a home swept away in // a terrible storm. We, the people, still believe that our obligations are not just to ourselves, but to all over /// the world. We will respond to the threat of climate change, knowing that the failure

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to do so would betray **(7)** our children and future generations. The path towards sustainable energy sources will be long and sometimes difficult. But we cannot / resist this transition, we must lead it. We, the people, still believe that enduring security and lasting peace do not // require continuous war. Our brave men in uniform are unmatched in skill and courage. The knowledge of their sacrifice will /// keep us forever vigilant against those who would do us harm. But we are also inheritors to those who won **(8)** the peace and not just the war. We will defend our people and uphold our values through strength of arms / and rule of law. We will show the courage to try and resolve our differences with other nations peacefully. It // is now our task to carry on what those pioneers began. Our journey is not complete until our wives, our /// mothers and daughters can earn a living equal to their efforts. For now decisions are upon us and we cannot **(9)**

afford delay. We must act, knowing that our work will be imperfect. We must act, knowing that the present victories / will be only partial. You and I, as citizens, have the power to set the course of our country. We // have the obligation to raise our voice in defence of our ancient values and enduring ideals. With common effort and /// common purpose, let us answer the call of history and carry into an uncertain future that precious light of freedom.
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