

## PSC Miscellaneous Main Exam – Practice Set

### Paper – I (English) Answers with Explanation

1. (i) Ramlal was young in age but no novice in mischievousness. The people of the village were scared of him. Nobody could guess when, how and from which direction his outrages would come. His elder step-brother, Shyamlal, was not also exactly a man of mild nature. But he did not inflict heavy punishment for a light offence. He worked at the office of the village Zaminder and looked after his own estate. Ram's widowed mother died in that very year when shyamlal's wife, Narayani had come to this house as a newly-wed bride about thirteen years age. শ্রীচিভর্ষ
- (ii) Nabakumar woke up at mid of night. He was surprised that he was not killed by tiger till then. He looked around to see if a tiger was coming. Suddenly he noticed a speck of light at a long distance. Lest it should be an illusion, Nabakumar began to watch the light very attentively. Gradually the light became bigger and bigger, and it appeared to him to be an igneous light. As soon as this brief grew in him, Nabakumar's hope of life was rekindled. Such a light could not originate without the presence of human beings, because it was not the time of forest-fire. Nabakumar stood up and rushed towards the source of the light. শ্রীচিভর্ষ
2. **On Popularity** শ্রীচিভর্ষ  
 Everyone wishes to be popular in life. But one should not hanker after popularity and sacrifice the truth one stands up for. Popularity means that one is liked by a majority of the people. Therefore, one should be friendly specially to one's teachers, neighbours, parents and children. It may help a person to earn name as an amiable person. The greater number of persons admire him, the more popular he is. However, one must cultivate a sportsman spirit and one must not complain if the response is sometimes cold. One must persists in being likeable to others. শ্রীচিভর্ষ
3. **Kali Puja in Kolkata**  
 Kolkata, November 14 : Kali Puja was an illuminated night for Kolkata this year, corresponding to the North Indian festival of Diwali (pronounced *Dipabali* in Bengali). In different pockets of Kolkata, the local youth burnt sparklers and burst crackers throughout the night. The three major places of Kali Puja were Kalighat, Thanthania, and Dakshineswar where people came with their families to pray. There were several cultural programmes mostly organized by clubs and communities. However, a section of the elderly people continued to criticise them for imparting a culture that does not match with the traditional Bengali culture. This time, Kolkata once again observed relatively quiet Kali Puja respecting the legislative ban on fireworks over 90 decibels.
4. (i) '**which**' is the right option.  
 (ii) 'out of print'. শ্রীচিভর্ষ  
 (iii) '**At ease**' is the right option.  
 (iv) 'abysmal' is the correct answer  
 (v) 'for' is right answer.
5. Call up (remember) : I cannot call up your name.  
 Carry out (Obey) : You must carry out my order.  
 Came across (meet) : I came across the lame man on the way.  
 Deal in (carry on business) : He deals in rice.  
 Give up (abandon) : Try to give up your bad habit.
6. Small fry : an insignificant person.  
 Smell a rat : suspect some thing wrong.  
 Red letter day : memorable day.  
 Null and void : invalid. শ্রীচিভর্ষ  
 Maiden speech : First speech.