

RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRADUN
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION – JUN 2022
SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TIME: 2 hrs

Instructions:

MM: 125

1. Read all the questions thoroughly before answering.
2. The question paper can be retained by the candidates post exam.
3. The question paper comprises three sections.
 - (a) Reading Section - 25 Marks
 - (b) Writing Section - 30 Marks
 - (c) Grammar - 70 Marks



SECTION A – READING (25 MARKS)

Q.1 Read the passage and answer the questions that follows.

[15 Marks]

A person becomes extraordinary when he is given the liberty to do something that takes his fancy. He indeed enjoys the process of doing what he loves; therefore, he can give undivided attention to what he is doing without making a conscious effort. Here the term conscious effort could be used as a factor to differentiate between the extraordinary and the good. More often than not, many of us make a conscious effort while trying to achieve something. For example, when we prepare ourselves for our exams, we make a conscious effort to plan various strategies. We try to wake up earlier than we would love to and study our lessons seriously in order to learn and remember our lessons as much as possible. We also make a conscious effort to stay awake in our classes and take down almost each and everything our teachers tell us in the class. We are scared of bringing up the rear in the exams. When we do not make a conscious effort to achieve what is meant for us to achieve, our parents and teachers have their own plans and strategies to ensure that we make conscious efforts.

At the end of the day, we end up being good or bad at what we do. In other words, some of us are found to be good while some of us are found to be failing miserably. However, those who become extraordinary or exceptional at what they do can be counted on the fingers of one hand. These people don't have to make a conscious effort to achieve something. Also, their parents and teachers do not have to make plans or strategies for them. What their parents or teachers must do for them is to find out what they crave for and give them the green light to pursue it without unnecessary interference. For example, if a young girl loves painting, let her paint anything she likes, anytime, anywhere. Her desire to paint something will wake her up earlier than anybody else, give her novel ideas or help her paint something all through the day or the night without getting mentally tired. This will finally lead her to becoming an extraordinary or outstanding talent.

- (a) What kind of people will have to make a conscious effort to achieve their goal? Why? [2]
- (b) What kind of people do not need to make a conscious effort to achieve their goals? Why? [2]
- (c) What is the message given by the passage? [2]
- (d) What is the best way to help the children? [2]
- (e) Do you fully agree with the message conveyed by the passage? Give two reasons. [2]
- (f) Find two phrases from the passage which mean the following: [2]
 - (i) appeal to, attract or excite somebody
 - (ii) rare or less in numbers or quantity
- (g) Find the phrases from the passage which mean the opposite of the following: [2]
 - (i) to refuse
 - (ii) be ahead of others
- (h) Which of the following statement is correct according to the given passage? [1]
 - (i) Parents do not help their children in the best possible way.
 - (ii) Those who make conscious efforts sometimes fail.
 - (iii) An extraordinary student must play the piano.
 - (iv) Our parents need not wake us up all the time.

Q.2 Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

[10 Marks]

My sun is blocked by a cloud.
No clap I hear is encouragingly loud.
The crowds I talk to are cold
Because how I talk is anything but bold.

Brightly my sun appears
 When the cloud of inhibition disappears.
 The sun of my oratory hates crowds
 But the cloud of inhibition loves crowds.
 I have sweated blood
 To make my mind with ideas flood.
 Many friends have given me advice.
 Nothing has so far worked as a device.



One fine day, my grandmother said something:
 Those whom you fear have nothing
 When you think, think like a king
 You will definitely talk like a king.
 The words have made the cloud disappear
 And my sun today does brightly appear
 My grandmother's words are to me most dear
 Because they have helped me weed out my fear.

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| (a) Give a suitable title to the poem. | [1] |
| (b) What does the sun stand for? | [1] |
| (c) What does the cloud stand for? | [1] |
| (d) Identify the line where simile is used. | [1] |
| (e) What is the central idea of the poem?(30-40 words) | [2] |
| (f) How is the poet's problem solved finally? (30-40 words) | [2] |
| (g) Find the words from the passage which could be the synonyms of the following: | [2] |
| (i) shyness (ii) fearless | |

SECTION B – WRITING (30 MARKS)

Q.3 Write a letter to the editor of The Times of India suggesting to him a few steps that the government must take up in order to face the challenges of global warming. (125-150 words).

[10 Marks]

Q.4 Write an article in about 150 words on 'The Importance of Admitting Girls in Military Schools'.

[10 Marks]

Q.5 Everybody owns a mobile, but not everyone has the right manner to talk on the phone. Write a speech of not more than 150 words educating the people of your colony about mobile etiquettes. [10 Marks]

SECTION C – GRAMMAR (70 MARKS)

Q.6 Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given. Make necessary changes, but do not change the meaning of the sentence.

[10 Marks]

- Saroja Sang well. She received the first prize (Begin: Not only...)
- If Ajay gets a scholarship, his parents will be elated. (use 'unless' in place of 'if')
- The protesters turned violent immediately, and the police blocked the roads. (use : No sooner...)
- Our football team is one of the favorites in the tournament. (Begin: Very few...)
- The children were spellbound by the exceptional sight of an elephant bathing in the river. (change the voice)
- Those that are hapless ought to have our sympathy (Begin: The helpless...)
- The reason for his sudden departure is a mystery. (Rewrite using 'Why')
- The policeman said to us, 'Where are you going?' (Change it to Reported speech)
- The memory is so vivid that I will never forget it (use 'too' in place of 'so')
- Put your tools away, the children may fall over them. (use: lest...)

Q.7 Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

[10 Marks]

- Let us begin _____ the first poem.
- They do not approve _____ your action in the matter.
- He is rarely attentive _____ his lessons.



- (d) Marsha deals _____ handloom sarees.
- (e) Martin's friends stood _____ him during his lean days.
- (f) The teacher sent her a letter of appreciation _____ mistake.
- (g) The police are looking _____ the matter.
- (h) The old lady prepared herself for a life _____ loneliness.
- (i) He agreed _____ his partners on the idea of launching a new project.
- (j) She has been suffering from pneumonia _____ last week.

Q.8 Use appropriate phrasal verbs to complete the sentence.

[5 Marks]

- (a) He let _____ his house on hire.
- (b) He will not draw _____ from his promise.
- (c) The gecko feeds _____ mosquitoes and other insects.
- (d) He was trying to put _____ his ideas to his audience.
- (e) He feeds his cat _____ dry food

Q.9. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom underlined.

[5 Marks]

- (a) He made light of his father's advice.
(i) followed readily (ii) disregarded (iii) treated lightly (iv) rejected
- (b) He fight shy of his young nephew, who is a crook.
(i) quarrels bitterly with (ii) is afraid of
(iii) avoids from a feeling of mistrust (iv) is frightened by
- (c) He works by fits and starts.
(i) consistently (ii) irregularly (iii) in high spirits (iv) enthusiastically
- (d) To all intents and purposes, he is a good man.
(i) finally (ii) practically (iii) In practice (iv) All of them
- (e) We should give a wide berth to bad characters.
(i) keep away from (ii) publicly condemn
(iii) give publicity to (iv) not sympathise with

Q.10. Each of the following items consists of a sentence followed by four words. Select the **SYNONYM** of the word underlined.

[10 marks]

- (a) There is a TACIT agreement between the super powers not to engage themselves in armed conflict.
(i) Unspoken (ii) speechless (iii) silent (iv) introvert
- (b) He is good looking but INSIPID young man.
(i) arrogant (ii) unscrupulous (iii) sick (iv) lacking in spirit
- (c) The five experiments gave DISPARATE result.
(i) Similar (ii) encouraging (iii) strange (iv) different
- (d) The new volume provides substantial critical EXCERPTS and biographical information on eight to ten major poets from all eras.
(i) sources (ii) explanation (iii) extracts (iv) substances
- (e) The newspapers are CLAMOURING against the injustice to the landless labourers.
(i) protesting (ii) noisy (iii) complaining (iv) demonstrating
- (f) The library was built with donations from the MUNIFICENT citizens of the city.
(i) well to do (ii) generous (iii) respectable (iv) learned
- (g) It is EXASPERATING to listen to the suggestions of the minister about the educational reforms of which he knows nothing.
(i) Irritating (ii) amusing (iii) disappointing (iv) boring
- (h) The host looked quite JADED by the time the party was over.
(i) Miserable (ii) cheerful (iii) inspiring (iv) exhausted
- (i) There was always an IMMINENT danger of the falling of that damaged roof.
(i) constant (ii) impending (iii) remote (iv) favorable
- (j) Even the loss of her jewels did not disturb the lady's EQUANIMITY.
(i) temper (ii) composure (iii) affability (iv) humour

Q.11. Choose the word which is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the word given in bold.

[10 Marks]

- (a) The treaty was **RATIFIED** by the heads of states.
(i) set aside (ii) unsettled (iii) destroyed (iv) annulled
- (b) He seems to have **PROPENSITY** to fight.
(i) scepticism (ii) penchant (iii) aversion (iv) proclivity
- (c) There has always been a feeling of **RANCOUR** between the two families.

- (d) (i) rivalry (ii) competition (iii) friendliness (iv) suspicion
It was really a **SINISTER** move on his part.
- (e) (i) malevolent (ii) sinful (iii) auspicious (iv) right
In ancient days, a **FRAGILE** glass jar was considered to be more valuable than a human slave.
- (f) (i) broad (ii) tall (iii) strong (iv) heavy
History **ABOUNDS** in instances of courage.
- (g) (i) fails (ii) suffices (iii) lacks (iv) shines
The **MAMMOTH** structure overlooked the building.
- (h) (i) affluent (ii) tiny (iii) huge (iv) narrow
His **URBANE** attitude won him many friends.
- (i) (i) rude (ii) rustic (iii) violent (iv) indifferent
The last show of the concert at the Ritz Theatre was a **FIASCO**.
- (j) (i) triumph (ii) victory (iii) fruitful (iv) success
The guard was given **EXPLICIT** orders about whom to admit.
- (i) (i) wrong (ii) inadequate (iii) no (iv) ambiguous

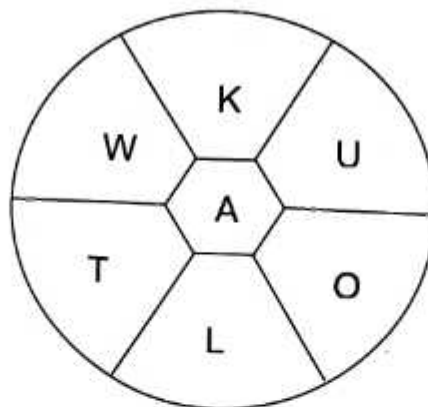
Q.12 Find out the correct part of speech of the following underlined word as per the context. [5 Marks]

- (a) She looked up but didn't see anything.
(b) The exam was very well organized.
(c) Neha kakkar has a beautiful singing voice
(d) There once was a poor farmer, who had four sons.
(e) Although small, the auditorium is well designed.

Q.13 Give one word for each of the following expressions. The initial letters of the words have been provided. [5 Marks]

- (a) The head of a crew or workers is called F _____
(b) A short sleep is called S _____
(c) A bird which has become extinct is D _____
(d) An official who takes care of the household of a royal family is C _____
(e) A word that qualifies or adds meaning to an adverb is called an A _____

Q.14 Make ten words with each word having a minimum of four letters. All words must contain the central letter **A**. You may use any letter more than once. [10 Marks]



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