

**RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRADUN**  
**ENTRANCE EXAMINATION**  
**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

MM: 125

**TIME: 2 hrs**

**Instructions:**

- 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 - 45 Marks
  - (c) Grammar - 55 Marks

**SECTION A – READING (25 MARKS)**

[15 Marks]

Q 1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

In the world of sport, we have seen and heard of many captains who succeeded in making a difference to their teams. They have many attributes in common, yet they are unique in their own ways. Some are popular because of their looks, repartees, sense of humour or cheerful disposition. Some are famous for their personal milestones and their ability to lead from the front. Some are remembered because of the most coveted trophies they won. Some are considered controversial figures because of being pugnacious, aggressive and audacious. Some are notorious for making themselves look more important than the game or sport they play. Some are held in high esteem for treating the rules of the game as a sacred cow. Some mark themselves out by being able to think on their feet.

These people have different perceptions about leaders. In the opinion of many, a successful leader distinguishes himself by being able to lead by example, communicate himself well to his teammates, take the right decisions, motivate everyone to give their best, remain calm in times of crises and out-think their counterparts. Many tend to use the number of trophies won as a very important yardstick to measure a leader's calibre. Winning trophies is indeed very important. However, it is not everything. A leader is as strong as his team. If all the players in a team are strong, the captain is going to be strong. A great leader does not need to have many great players around him. He definitely needs to have the various attributes that a successful leader possesses. However, it is unfair to bracket a successful leader and a great leader, for the former lacks something the latter has. A great leader's credo revolves around the axiom "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts". He has the ability to suffer defeats with dignity and celebrate victories decently. Neither defeat nor success can affect his respect for others. Glory for the team is everything, and personal glory is sacrificed on the altar of the team's success. Every captain or leader wants to win; he hates to lose. A great leader also does not want to lose. However, he does not despise failure. He looks upon failure as his teacher. It helps him see his mistakes and equip him with better weapons when his next battle arrives.

- (a) What does the author say about a successful leader? (30-40 words) [02]
- (b) What are the attributes of a great leader? (30-40 words) [02]
- (c) What is the basic difference between a successful leader and a great leader? (30-40 words) [02]
- (d) How has the author classified captains or leaders? (30-40 words) [02]
- (e) What are the five attributes you would love to have as a leader? (30-40 words) [02]
- (f) Find the phrases from the passage which mean:- [02]
  - (i) a custom or belief which is highly respected
  - (ii) react to something effectively without prior thought
- (g) Find the words from the passage which could be the Antonyms of the following. [03]
  - (i) respect (ii) nervous (iii) submissive

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

[10 Marks]

My new phone is 'smart'. I guess I am not.  
Amazing what all this here smart phone has got.  
TV and Weather and Internet too.  
There's just no limits to what it can do.  
Check my blood pressure and my temperature.  
Without even probing all my apertures.  
I now know the time in Paris or Greece.  
I can track the migration of thousands of geese.  
Or find Chinese food, it's here on this map.  
Oops, my finger just slipped, now where was that at?  
A camera..... a CAMERA! Now I can take shots  
Of everyone I know( who would rather I not)  
Push this here button and take me a "selfie".

(If it had a nose would this thing take a "smellie"?)  
 Email to pester with, Video to shoot,  
 Maps to drive round with, wow that's a hoot!  
 A compass to guide me home if I'm lost  
 Thank God work paid for this thing (What it COSTS!)  
 The things that it does would amaze Mr Bell  
 What he would have thought of it, no one can tell,  
 But one question's still stuck in my middle-aged craw.  
 Despite all the gizmos that strike me with awe,  
 They are fun and they're useful and 'techy' and all  
 But how do I just simply make a phone call?

- (a) What makes the poet think that his phone is smarter than him? [1]
- (b) Which feature in phone is beyond poet's imagination? [1]
- (c) What was the 'Eureka Moment' for the poet? [1]
- (d) Why did poet allude to Mr Bell? [1]
- (e) What is poet's apprehension about the smart phone? [2]
- (f) Pick out the words from the poetry which means
  - (i) gadgets
  - (ii) to examine
 [1]
- (g) Identify the figure of speech in the line-  
 But one question's middle aged craw. [1]
- (h) Give a suitable title to the given poetry. [1]
- (i) Find two pairs of rhyming words.

### SECTION B – WRITING (45 MARKS)

Q 3 Write an email to your mother telling her how you overcame stage fear and performed very well in a Skit / Drama on Teachers' Day. Follow the format given below and invent necessary details. (80 words) [07 Marks]

From
To
Date
Subject
<p>Thanks and Regards,</p>

Q.4 Write an article in not more than 120 words on the topic-  
"Online learning is the future of education". [10 Marks]

Q.5 Read the conversation between Anil and Ticket checker and then complete the dialogues. [08 Marks]

Anil had to catch a train to go to Mysore to attend an Interview, but due to the traffic jam, he could not buy a ticket and boarded the train in a jiffy.

Ticket checker – (a) Will ..... ?

Anil – I am sorry, I (b) .....

Ticket checker: Travelling without ticket. Don't ..... ?

Anil – Yes sir, I know that. But you see (c) ..... so I had to board (d)

..... Won't you (e) ..... ?

Ticket checker – Yes, I can make a ticket, but you have (f) .....

Anil – No Problem sir. Here (g) .....

- Q 6 Write a letter to the editor of a news paper pointing out the harm that the cheap notes and guides are doing to the student community. [100-125 words] [10 Marks]
- Q 7 Write a story based on the picture given. Give a suitable title to it. [100-125 words] [10 Marks]



### SECTION C – GRAMMAR (55 MARKS)

- Q 8 Transform the sentences into the kinds mentioned within brackets. [10 Marks]

- Despite his arrogance, he is very helpful. (compound sentence)
- As soon as he reached the station he saw his cousin. (negative sentence)
- You have a beautiful house. (exclamatory sentence)
- It is very difficult for me to tell you his address. (complex sentences)
- We want to know why he was absent yesterday. (simple sentence)
- Everyone would love to see Dhoni play for India for few more years. (interrogative sentence)
- He asked me if I had seen the girl the previous day. (direct speech)
- Did somebody tell you to write the assignment again? (passive voice)
- He is wise but he is lazy. (simple sentence)
- Were they named Trendsetters yesterday? (active voice)

- Q 9 Choose the synonyms of the words from the given options [05 Marks]

- Deleterious  
(i) useful (ii) harmful (iii) helpful (iv) gloomy
- Scrumptious  
(i) risky (ii) dishonest (iii) greedy (iv) delicious
- Perpetuate  
(i) continue (ii) obstruct (iii) impede (iv) strengthen
- Spurious  
(i) fake (ii) shy (iii) talkative (iv) dishonest
- Impudent  
(i) rude (ii) fold (iii) patient (iv) hasty

- Q 10 Homophones are words which sound alike but spell differently. For example, 'dear' and 'deer' can be pronounced in the same way though they are two different words. Give one homophone for each of the following words. [05 Marks]

- Fair
- Red
- Need
- Sauce
- Night

- Q 11 Write five phrases in such a way that each phrase contains a word that is the name of any part of the picture given below. [05 Marks]





Q 12 Write ten words using the letters of the word given below. No words must have fewer than four letters. No letter must be written twice in the same words except for 'I' and 'E'. [05 Marks]

## OBEDIENCE

**Q 13** Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence(s), the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labelled as P, Q, R and S. Each sentence, given below has four sequences, namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to rearrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and mark your response accordingly. [05 Marks]

- (a) easily overnight and without patient labour    this proverb means    that nothing great    and good can be achieved  
S                                  Q                                  R                                  P  
(i) QRPS      (ii) QSRP      (iii) RPQS      (iv) SQRP
- (b) completion and perfection    every great works needs    effort for its    much patience and constant  
Q                                  S                                  R                                  P  
(i) PRSQ      (ii) QSRP      (iii) SPRQ      (iv) SRQP
- (c) the most beautiful    rome was    and prosperous city    in ancient times  
S                                  Q                                  R                                  P  
(i) PQSR      (ii) QSPS      (iii) PSRQ      (iv) SPQR
- (d) ordinary village    here and there    with a few huts    it began as an  
R                                  P                                  S                                  Q  
(i) SPRQ      (ii) QPRS      (iii) QRSP      (iv) SQPR
- (e) it grew up to be the greatest    but in course of time    city of the world    and the most splendid  
Q                                  R                                  S                                  P  
(i) QPSR      (ii) QPRS      (iii) RPSQ      (iv) RQPS

Q. 14 In each of the following sentences supply a verb in agreement with its subject. [10 Marks]

- (a) He and I \_\_\_\_\_ playing. (was / were)  
 (b) English as well as Urdu \_\_\_\_\_ taught here. (is / are)  
 (a) Neither of the two men \_\_\_\_\_ very strong. (was / were)  
 (b) Ten kilometres \_\_\_\_\_ a long walk. (is / are)  
 (c) No news \_\_\_\_\_ good news. (is / are)  
 (d) Many a man \_\_\_\_\_ done so. (has / have)  
 (e) The quality of the mangoes \_\_\_\_\_ not good. (was / were)  
 (f) Two-third of the city \_\_\_\_\_ in ruins. (is / are)  
 (g) The United States \_\_\_\_\_ a big navy. (has / have)  
 (h) The ship with its members \_\_\_\_\_ lost. (was / were)

**Q.15** Give one word for each of the following expressions.

- (a) Incapable of being heard - I \_\_\_\_\_ e  
(b) A person with a highly developed sense of beauty - A \_\_\_\_\_ e  
(c) One who is good at telling stories in an interesting way - R \_\_\_\_\_ r  
(d) Fear of strange or foreign people, custom - X \_\_\_\_\_ a  
(e) A medicine to counteract the effect of poison - A \_\_\_\_\_ e

**Q.16** Given below the words which are misspelt. Write the correct spelling.

**Ameteur, Benifitted, feugitive, teatotaler, Illicit**

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