

RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRADUN
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION - JUNE 2019
SUBJECT : ENGLISH

Time : 2 hr

MM : 125

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read all the questions thoroughly before answering.
2. The question paper can be retained by the candidate post exam.
3. The question paper comprises three section.
 - (a) Reading section - 20 Marks
 - (b) Writing Section - 50 Marks
 - (c) Grammar Section - 55 Marks

SECTION-A READING (20 MARKS)

- Q1. Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and briefly answer the questions that follow : (10 Marks)

Progress in life depends a good deal on crossing one threshold after another. Some time ago a man watched his little nephew try to write his name. It was hard work, very hard work. The little boy has arrived at an effort threshold today; he writes his name with comparative ease. Now, a new threshold confronts him. This is the way with all of us. As soon as we cross one threshold, as soon as we conquer one difficulty, a new difficulty appears or should appear. Some people make the mistake of steering clear of thresholds. Anything that requires genuine thinking and use of energy, they avoid. They prefer to stay in a rut where threshold are not met. Probably, they have been at their job for a number of years. Things are easy for them. They make no effort to seek out new obstacles to overcome. Real progress stops under such circumstances. Some middle aged and elderly people greatly enrich their lives by continuing to cross thresholds. One man went into an entirely new business when he was past middle life and made a success of it. De Morgan did not start to write novels until he was past sixty. Psychologists have discovered that man can continue to learn throughout life. And it is undoubtedly better to try and fail than not to try at all. There one can be placed in the category of the swiss mountaineer of whom it was said, "He died climbing". When a new difficulty arises to obstruct your path, do not complain, accept the challenge. Determine to cross this threshold as you have crossed numerous other thresholds is your past life. In the words of a poet, do not rest but strive 'to pass from dream to grander dream.'

- (a) What does progress in life depend upon?
- (b) How can you accomplish the most difficult tasks?
- (c) What should we do when a new difficulty obstructs our path?
- (d) What obstructs real progress in life?
- (e) What does De Morgan's life teach?
- (f) What does 'to pass from dream to grander dream' mean?
- (g) What does the man, entering a new business past middle life, do of his business?
- (h) How do middle aged and elderly people add brilliance to their lives?
- (j) Make a sentence with the phrase 'steer clear of'.
- (k) Find a word from the passage which means 'habit'.

- Q.2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow :- (10 Marks)

The first thing he saw early this morning
When he pulled back the light green curtains
Was a hectic 'n orange butterfly
Wavering in the fair sun of his garden
'tween the enclosed well and the laured tree.

On a wide sidewalk, red and radiant,
Strutted two maidens together,
A turquoise skirt wore the one,
A Chocolate T-Shirt the other.



Jubilant they were together,
As the cadence of their laughter,
Waved in the air like Tunisian silk.

No harvest did his screen display today,
No mountain range did loom far in the distance;
All that was shown were a laughing sidewalk,
And a quivering sun in a small garden.

- (a) Give a suitable title to the poem? (1 Mark)
(b) Identify the examples (any two) of the poetic devices in this poem. (2 Mark)
(c) Explain the central idea of this poem in 50-60 words. (3 Marks)
(d) How is simile used in the poem? (1 Mark)
(e) What did the two maidens wear? (1 Mark)
(f) Find words/phrases from the poem which mean the same as the following :- (2 Marks)
(i) Rhythm
(ii) Walked confidently



SECTION B WRITING (50 MARKS)

- Q3. Write an essay on ANY THREE in about 120 words :- (8 x 3 = 24 Marks)
(a) Adversity brings out the best in man.
(b) The value of friendship.
(c) The role of students in bringing about a welcome change in our environment.
(d) Every dark cloud has a silver lining.
- Q4. Write a story in about 150-200 words with the following beginning and give a suitable title to it. (10 Marks)
Rahul was alone at home. Suddenly the phone rang-----
- Q5. The government has banned the use of loud speakers, but this nuisance continues and disturbs you in your studies. Make a complaint to the SHO of local police station. (10 Marks)
- Q.6. Make a précis of the following passage in 60-80 words. Also assign a suitable title to it.(Don't copy sentences) (06 Marks)

Teaching is the noblest of professions. A teacher has a sacred duty to perform. It is he on whom rests the responsibility of moulding the character of young children. Apart from developing their intellect, he can inculcate in them qualities of good citizenship, remaining neat and clean, talking decently and sitting properly. These virtues are not easy to be imbibed. Only he who himself leads a life of simplicity, purity and rigid discipline can successfully cultivate these habits in his pupils. Besides it, a teacher always remain young. He may grow old in age, but not in spirits, perpetual contact with building youths keeps him happy and cheerful. There are moments when domestic worries weigh heavily on his mind, but the delightful company of innocent children makes him overcome his transient moods of despair.

SECTION-C GRAMMAR (55 MARKS)

- Q.7. Do as directed. (05 Marks)
(a) He said, "I need not go." (change into indirect speech)
(b) He is not educated. He speaks like an educated person. (use 'as if')
(c) He left yesterday. Nobody informed me. (Begin with 'Nobody')
(d) It is better to lend than borrow., (Change into positive degree)
(e) I will never forget you in my life. (Change into affirmative sentence)
- Q.8. Give one word for each of the following expressions. (05 Marks)
(a) One who is able to use his/her left as well as right hand _____.
(b) The art of beautiful handwriting _____.
(c) The art of spelling words correctly _____.
(d) Writing inscribed on a tomb is _____.
(e) One who is great lover of books _____.

Q9. Choose the synonym/antonym of the underlined word as directed.

- (a) We must prevent the PROLIFERATION of nuclear weapons. (Synonym)
 (i) use (ii) increase
 (iii) expansion (iv) extension
- (b) The debate has INSTIGATED a full official inquiry into the incident. (Synonym)
 (i) initiated (ii) incited
 (iii) forced (iv) caused
- (c) APATHY for the poor is common to officials of every cadre. (Antonym)
 (i) indifference (ii) sympathy
 (iii) eagerness (iv) antipathy
- (d) The facts of the case were OBSCURED by the speech of the defence counsel. (Antonym)
 (i) reflected (ii) illustrated
 (iii) clarified (iv) exhibited
- (e) Born in SQUALID surroundings of the slums she rose to stardom overnight. (Antonym)
 (i) healthy (ii) dirty
 (iii) stinking (iv) clean

Q10. Choose the correct meanings underlined in the following sentences.

(05 Marks)

- (a) It will be wise on your part to let bygones be bygones.
 (i) resist the past (ii) ignore the past
 (iii) recollect the past (iv) revive the past
- (b) I don't know why you are so upset, you are the one who threw down the gauntlet.
 (i) To surrender (ii) To gun somebody down
 (iii) Invite someone to fight (iv) To be criticised
- (c) We now have a situation where laws are bent at the drop of a hat :
 (i) As soon as it was spoken (ii) Done easily, without any preparation
 (iii) Done in an instant (iv) After something is done
- (d) RIMC Debating Club has won six trophies. So, they are obviously on a roll :
 (i) Running fast (ii) in the midst of successes
 (iii) to meet the disaster (iv) to have faith in someone
- (e) You can't count on Ramesh to help you, he is just a man of straw :
 (i) a worthy fellow (ii) a man of no substance
 (iii) a very active man (iv) a selfish person

Q11. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the verb forms of the words given in the bracket.

(05 Marks)

- (a) She was trying to _____ (friend) her neighbours.
 (b) One must not always _____ (critic) children.
 (c) If you prick your finger, it will _____ (blood)
 (d) Presence of the police force will _____ (high) the feeling of security.
 (e) The story of your life has _____ (strong) my belief in destiny.

Q. 12. Choose appropriate Phrasal Verb to fill in the blanks.

(05 Marks)

- (a) The two friends appear to have _____ over a minor issue.
 (i) fallen down (ii) fallen out
 (iii) fallen into (iv) fallen up
- (b) The students were _____ by the principal for their misbehaviour with the class teacher.
 (i) Pulled up (ii) pulled away
 (iii) pulled down (iv) pulled off
- (c) Usain Bolt was _____ by many fans while sprinting towards the finishing line.
 (i) cheered up (ii) cheered on
 (iii) cheered out (iv) cheered off
- (d) Please _____ the words in the dictionary.
 (i) look for (ii) look into
 (iii) look up (iv) look on

- (e) The boy looked green about the gills and in no time he _____ .
 (i) threw out (ii) threw off
 (iii) threw up (iv) threw on

Q13. Rewrite the sentences as per the instruction given, without changing the meaning of the sentences :- (05 Marks)

- (a) We had not even walked one kilometre when they stopped us. (Begin : Hardly -----).
 (b) The memory is so vivid that I will never forget it. (Use 'too' in place of 'so').
 (c) Food and sleep were all we cared about. (Begin : All -----).
 (d) Herbert consulted his parents before accepting the job offer. (Begin : Herbert did not-----).
 (e) Put your tools away, the children may fall over them. (Use lest-----).

Q14. Correct the following sentences and rewrite them in your answer sheet. (05 Marks)

- (a) One of the reason of his failure is his careless attitude.
 (b) He needs not to go there.
 (c) Delhi capital would have won IPL 2019 if they would have played well.
 (d) The number of people we need to hire are thirteen.
 (e) If you freeze water, it will become a solid.

Q15. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions. (05 Marks)

- (a) I didn't break the vase _____ purpose. It was an accident. (with/on/at/by)
 (b) We have to pay our bills _____ June 01 at the latest. (Before/on/ by/after)
 (c) Do you often travel _____ business. (to/on/for/by)
 (d) Congratulations _____ winning! (for/on/At/at)
 (e) My house is _____ the third crossroad after the bridge. (on/in/over/at)

Q16. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals. (05 Marks)

- (a) If the pain _____ return take another of these pills.
 (i) will (ii) shall
 (iii) should (iv) can
 (b) If you invited him he _____ come.
 (i) can (ii) will
 (iii) might (iv) may
 (c) He _____ not hurry; there is plenty of time.
 (i) should (ii) ought to
 (iii) need (iv) could
 (d) One _____ serve one's country.
 (i) should (ii) must
 (iii) ought to (iv) can
 (e) We eat so that we _____ live.
 (i) may (ii) should
 (iii) can (iv) could

Q17. Insert articles 'a', 'an', 'the' if necessary. Put 'Ø' if no article is required. (05 Marks)
 I don't know what (a) ----- price (b) ----- owners are asking. But Kamal and Som are (c) ----- agents. You could give them (d) ----- ring and make them (e) ----- offer.

