

RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRADUN
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION – DEC 2024

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TIME: 2 hrs

MM: 125

Instructions:

1. Read all the questions thoroughly before answering.
2. Use blue / black ball pen to answer the questions.
3. The question paper can be retained by the candidates post examination.
4. The question paper comprises three sections.
5. Do not indicate/ write/ convey your name/ any identification mark anywhere on the answer sheet (except the Index Slip), **this will lead to disqualification.**
 - (a) Reading Section - 25 Marks
 - (b) Writing Section - 50 Marks
 - (c) Grammar - 50 Marks

SECTION A – READING (25 MARKS)

Q.1 Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: **[15 Marks]**

In life, we all face challenges, whether big or small. Sometimes, the road ahead can seem long and full of obstacles, and it can feel like we're all alone. But the truth is, we are never truly alone. One of the greatest sources of strength we have is the support of our friends. A true friend is someone who helps us through the tough times, celebrates our successes, and helps us see our own potential when we can't.

Friendship is not about always having someone by your side, but about knowing that someone has your back, no matter what. True friends lift us up when we're feeling down, and they remind us of the strength we sometimes forget we have. They are there to cheer us on when we take a leap of faith, and they stay by us through the struggles.

The best friendships are those where both people grow together. A good friend will challenge you to be better, while also accepting you as you are. It's not always about agreeing on everything; it's about respecting each other's differences and supporting each other's dreams. In moments of doubt, friends can help us discover who we truly are. They encourage us to push past our fears, try new things, and step outside of our comfort zones. Having a true friend means having someone who believes in us even when we don't believe in ourselves.

- (a) What is the most important role of a true friend according to the passage? **[1 mark]**
- (b) What is the difference between being "always by someone's side" and "having someone's back"? **[1 mark]**
- (c) How do good friends help each other grow? **[1 mark]**
- (d) In what way do true friends help us discover who we truly are? **[2 marks]**
- (e) Why is it important for friends to challenge each other? **[2 marks]**
- (f) What does the passage suggest about overcoming doubts and fears? **[2 marks]**
- (g) What is the opposite of "doubt" in the passage? **[1 mark]**
- (h) Find a word in the passage that means "to push forward despite fear or difficulty." **[1 mark]**
- (i) Do you agree that friends help us become better versions of ourselves? (40 words) **[2 marks]**
- (j) In your life, can you recall a time when a friend helped you overcome a challenge? (40 words) **[2 marks]**

Q.2 Read the poem and answer the questions given below: **[10 Marks]**

When you're feeling lost, and the world feels cold,
 Remember the stories you've yet to be told.
 The adventure ahead is full of surprise,
 With the courage to dream, you can reach for the skies.

The road may be winding, the path unclear,
 But don't be afraid to step forward with cheer.

For in every challenge, there's something to learn,
And with every mistake, a chance to return.

So embrace the journey, and take the first step,
The road to your future is waiting ahead.
The strength that you need is already inside,
Just believe in yourself, and enjoy the ride.

- (a) What is the central message of the poem? [2 marks]
(b) How does the poet describe the challenges in life? [2 marks]
(c) What is meant by "the road to your future is waiting ahead"? [1 mark]
(d) Identify the poetic device used in the line "The strength that you need is already inside." [1 mark]
(e) What does the poet suggest about mistakes? [2 marks]
(f) How does the poem encourage the reader to face challenges? [2 marks]

SECTION B – WRITING (50 MARKS)

Q.3 Your cousin who lives in another city has taken admission in a new school and is feeling nervous about making new friends and adjusting in the new environment. Write a letter to your cousin offering him some advice and sharing your own experiences about adjusting to the new situation. Mention some ways he / she can make new friends and feel more comfortable in the new school. [15 Marks]

Q.4 You are a cadet at Rashtriya Indian Military College and your school is planning to celebrate the International Yoga Day on 21 Jun where everyone is encouraged to take part in activities to help promote the cause. You have been asked to write an article in 175 words for the school newspaper to inform students about the event and encourage them to participate. In your article, include the following:-

- (a) A catchy headline
(b) An introduction explaining the purpose of the 'Yoga' in our lives.
(c) Details about the activities planned for the day (Eg. Schedule of activities)
(d) A conclusion with a call to action, encouraging students to take part. [15 Marks]

Q.5 Write a paragraph each on any **TWO** of the following topics in about 80 words:- [2 x 5 = 10]

- (a) The effects of Pollution on our Planet.
(b) Don't judge a book by its cover.
(c) Role of Media on generating public opinion.

Q.6 Look at the picture given below and write a motivating story in about 150 words using the words in word cloud. [10 Marks]

Discipline
Hard work
Dynamism
Perseverance
Fitness
Camaraderie
Patriotism
Resilience



Excellence
Future Ready
Dedication
Community Pride
Happiness
Integrity
Sense of Duty
Flag Bearing

SECTION C – GRAMMAR (50 MARKS)

[1 x 10 = 10 Marks]

Q.7 Revise the following sentences according to the given instructions.

- (a) Transform the sentence into active voice: "My pocket has been picked."
- (b) Transform the sentence into a simple sentence: "After she finished her book, she went to the bed."
- (c) Transform the sentence into a complex sentence: "With a view to continuing his higher studies, he borrowed money from the bank."
- (d) Transform the assertive sentence into interrogative sentence: "They are going to the concert."
- (e) Convert the sentence into direct speech: "Shall I meet you in the theatre foyer?" asked Rahul
- (f) Change the sentence into indirect speech: "Please close the window," She said to him.
- (g) Change the sentence form affirmative sentence into negative sentence: "I was doubtful whether it was you."
- (h) Convert the sentence into passive voice: "They will not open the shop on Monday".
- (i) Transform the affirmative sentence to negative sentence. "All men are wise."
- (j) As soon as we went to the market, it started raining (Begin with – no sooner....).

Q.8 Identify and correct the error in the following sentences.

[1 x 05 = 10 Marks]

- (a) She runs very quick in the race.
- (b) Each of the student are responsible for their own work.
- (c) I look forward to see you at the meeting.
- (d) My brother alongwith his friends have gone to the park.
- (e) Running and to swim are good exercises for health.

Q.9 Punctuate the following (Capitalise the letters where necessary).

[06 Marks]

there may be a dusting of truth in allergy sufferers complaint that this season is well a bigger headache than the years past.

Warning for a difficult season have come from allergy specialists from New York to Atlanta Chicago to California this week has been one of the worst ever rasped lynnieritchie 70 as she bought allergy medicine at a Manhattan drugstore

literally every year is the worst year said Lucy chief of allergy and rheumatology for Bosco Health and University at Buffalo

Q.10 Answer the following questions.

[1 x 04 = 04 Marks]

- (a) What is the superlative degree of 'little'?
- (b) What is the contracted form of "We shall"?
- (c) Which can be pronounced in the same way as "kernel"?
- (d) What is the singular form of 'Media'?

Q.11 Fill in the blanks using correct or appropriate modals.

[1 x 05 = 05 Marks]

- (a) Run fast lest you _____ miss the bus.
- (b) _____ you complete the task in time, your request will be accepted.
- (c) She _____ be at home, but I am not entirely sure.
- (d) _____ I help you with that heavy box.
- (e) You _____ to maintain a high degree of cleanliness.

Q.12 Write the meaning of the given phrases/idioms

[1 x 05 = 05 Marks]

- (a) Hit the hay.
- (b) Under the weather.
- (c) Once in a blue moon.
- (d) The ball is in your court.
- (e) An arm and a leg.

Q.13 Write the meaning of the given phrases/idioms:-

[1 x 05 = 05 Marks]

- (a) To reveal the confidential information prematurely.
- (b) To refrain from saying something directly due to topic being uncomfortable.
- (c) Stuck in a difficult circumstance with no escape.
- (d) Being very Happy.
- (e) Saying good luck to someone.

Q.14 Write the correct preposition that could replace the ones underlined in the sentence given below. [1 x 05 = 05 Marks]

- (a) The match took place in the morning of last Sunday.
 - (b) The team is comprised by five players.
 - (c) They have accepted the terms of the contract with principle.
 - (d) The bridge stretches on the river.
 - (e) The lake is abound for fish.
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