

RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRADUN

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION – JUN 2020

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

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 - 50 Marks
 - (c) Grammar - 50 Marks

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SECTION (A) : READING SECTION

(25 Marks)

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

(15 Marks)

COVID-19 has hurled many lemons at all of us and none of us has succeeded in making lemonade out of them. The silent war against mankind which started from some corner of a neighbouring country of ours about eight months ago is threatening to pave the way for the most intelligent living being on earth to go the way of the dinosaurs. The pandemic has no respect for man-made barriers – caste, colour, ethnicity, religion, etc. The world seems to be united by 'corona-phobia'. We all know how dangerous it is and what we must do to ward it off. Unfortunately, we are caught between the devil and the deep blue sea : to insulate ourselves against the pandemic, we must remain indoors and starve; to keep the wolf from the door, we must go out and take the bull by the horns even at the cost of our life. In a real war, soldiers prepare themselves for the worst. Fear is the last thing they would like to surrender themselves to. They do not remain indoors and think of their safety all the time. They have a Hobson's choice : go out and fight, no matter what. To fight for the country is their duty and their duty is their life. They have learned how to psyche themselves up to face the challenges of war. We must take a leaf out of their copybook. Fearlessly, but not foolishly, we must learn how to face the challenges of the pandemic. We have to work because work is life and life is work. In order to work we must go out of our houses and go to our workplaces. It goes without saying that the pandemic is an invisible enemy which cannot be killed by any weapon mankind has been blessed with. However, all is not lost for us. Once we improve our immunity and learn how to live with this menace we can believe that the enemy's days are numbered.

- (a) What kind of fear has COVID-19 created in our mind? (2)
- (b) What is the difficulty that mankind is facing owing to the pandemic? (2)
- (c) What lessons do we have to learn from the soldiers? (2)
- (d) How can we deal with the pandemic? (2)
- (e) Find the phrases from the passage which mean (3)
 - (i) to become extinct
 - (ii) to face a difficulty bravely
 - (iii) be in a dilemma
- (f) Is the pandemic partial? Why? (2)
- (g) What message does the passage convey? (2)

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

(10 Marks)

My parents tell me no to go out.
I could be killed by some big animal.
But I'm part of nature's food chain.
Therefore, I'm not afraid of tigers.
My parents tell me not to go out.
I could be taken by some big bird.
But destiny has its own plans for me.
Therefore, I'm not afraid of eagles
My parents tell me not to go out.

I could fall ill or injured.
 But I love to play with my friends
 Therefore, I'm not afraid of illness or injury.
 My parents tell me with anger and love.
 "Dear little rabbit, don't you love us?
 Obey us. You will be safe and successful in future."
 I say, "I love you. But now is important to me.
 And I don't want to be afraid."

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| (a) | Give a suitable title to the poem. | (01) |
| (b) | Name any figure of speech used in the poem. | (01) |
| (c) | What do the parents want the rabbit to do? | (02) |
| (d) | What is the rabbit's outlook towards life? | (02) |
| (e) | What does the following line mean?
My parents tell me with anger and love. | (02) |
| (f) | What is the moral of the poem? | (02) |

SECTION (B) : WRITING

(50 Marks)

- Q. 3. Make a précis of the following passage in 60-80 words. Also assign a suitable title to it. (Don't copy the sentences) (06)

It is indeed an uphill task to say something new about the term 'education' because no personality of international repute, past or present, has failed to define, re-define or add something new to this term. The common consensus is that education teaches us so many life lessons. It helps us see the world from a different perspective and enables us to see where we stand in the society in terms of our abilities as individuals and our contributions as citizens of the nation. One of the biggest aims of education is to bring the best out in an individual and help him become the best version of himself. The education we receive at school will be of no use if it fails to help a student identify his uniqueness. Everyone in this world is unique. As a result, no two persons are equal in all respects. The uniqueness identified must be allowed to grow into something that could help the individual achieve his dream. When this happens the uniqueness has turned into something called talent. On the contrary, if the uniqueness is not allowed to grow into something desirable it might turn into a vice. Therefore, a person's uniqueness could become either a talent or a liability. It would be quite appropriate to conclude that a good education can identify uniqueness in an individual and groom it into a talent.

- Q.4. Write an essay on any two in about 150 words. (7 x 2 = 14)

- Genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains.
- Technology is making us unsocial.
- Invention is the mother of necessity.

- Q. 5. Write a story in about 120-150 words with the clues given and give a suitable title to it. (10)

Going to Mumbai by train----- to attend interview ----- got stuck in traffic jam----- reached the railway station late----- boarded a wrong train ----- lost the wallet----- realised late----- now you-----

- Q.6. A friend of yours has been out of station for a month and there was an important event/function held in the school while he/she was away. Write him/her a letter describing the event/function and your role in it, and why your friend was missed. (10)

- Q.7. 'Social Media Causes More Harm than Good'. Express your views either 'For' or 'Against' this statement. (120-150 words) (10)

SECTION-C GRAMMAR**(50 Marks)****Q.8. Give one word for each of the following.****(05)**

- (a) Fear of confined places _____.
- (b) A book that contains information on various subjects _____.
- (c) A disease which spreads over a wide geographical area in large proportion of the population _____.
- (d) A large group of insects moving in a mass _____.
- (e) An imaginary ideal society free of poverty and suffering _____.

Q.9. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles. If no article is required put 'Ø'.**(10)**

- (a) Moving to (i) United States was (ii) most exciting thing I have ever done. I moved last year to (iii) New York. New York is (iv) exciting city, full of (v) adventure. In fact, I saw (vi) famous actor on (vii) street yesterday!
- (b) Today I have (viii) job Interview at (ix) financial company. (x) company has (xi) offices all over (xii) world. I'm not sure that I have (xiii) skills to get hired. I hope so. (xiv) company's office is on (xv) Main Street. That's (xvi) same street my friend works on.
- (c) If I get hired, I could meet him after (xvii) work for drinks. That would be great. He's from (xviii) Scotland. He works 8 hours (xix) day, 5 days (xx) week.

Q.10. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom/phrase given in the sentences.**(05)**

- (a) Discipline is on the wane in schools and college these days.
(i) declining (ii) increasing (iii) spreading (iv) spiralling
- (b) There is no love lost between two neighbouring countries.
(i) close friendship (ii) cool indifference (iii) intense dislike (iv) a love hate relationship
- (c) The prince did not take after the king.
(i) run after (ii) follow (iii) precede (iv) resemble
- (d) The people were all agog at the airport to receive the victorious team.
(i) all ready (ii) in a state of excitement (iii) nervous (iv) jittery
- (e) I am afraid he is burning the candle at both ends after his father's sudden demise.
(i) wasting money (ii) becoming overgenerous
(iii) overtaxing his energy (iv) losing his objective

Q. 11. Choose appropriate Phrasal Verb to fill in the blanks.**(06)**

- (a) She is _____ the bank loan for her higher studies.
(i) banking on (ii) banking away (iii) banking off (iv) banking up
- (b) Modern researches _____ that yoga cures diseases.
(i) bear up (ii) bear off (iii) bear out (iv) bear down
- (c) Many people _____ to God for help rather than to thank him.
(i) call at (ii) call upon (iii) call about (iv) call on
- (d) The police were called in to _____ the rioters.
(i) break up (ii) break down (iii) broke up (iv) break away
- (e) I was _____ when I topped the merit list.
(i) taken of (ii) taken away (iii) taken on (iv) taken aback
- (f) He is _____ trouble if he quarrels with the house owner.
(i) asking against (ii) asking for (iii) asking on (iv) asking after

Q. 12. Do as directed.

(10)

- (a) She said, "Need I write a letter?" (Change into indirect)
- (b) Raj is one of the best boys in the class. (Change into Comparative)
- (c) Everyone knows that he is a rich man. (Change into Passive voice)
- (d) Can this news ever be true? (Change into Assertive sentence)
- (e) To eat too much makes one fat. (Remove 'too')
- (f) I told you to work hard. (Change into Interrogative sentence)
- (g) She spoke very gently to explain her point of view. (Use the adjectival form of the underlined word)
- (h) He forcibly made his way through the crowd. (Substitute the verb form for 'forcibly')
- (j) He succeeded in everything he attempted. (Change into Negative sentences)
- (k) He took off his clothes and plunged into the river. (Change into Simple sentence)

Q.13. Choose the Synonym/Antonym of the underlined word.

(07)

- (a) People tend to avoid LOQUACIOUS persons. (Antonym)
(i) garrulous (ii) reticent (iii) fluent (iv) glib
- (b) With the entry of the new brands, the value of the product is bound to DEPRECIATE. (Synonym)
(i) improve (ii) slash (iii) devalue (iv) thrift
- (c) A balance piece of writing should never DIGRESS from the subject matter. (Synonym)
(i) deviate (ii) expatiate (iii) perorate (iv) develop
- (d) Your recitation of the poem was looked at with DISDAIN by the rest of the class. (Antonym)
(i) haughtiness (ii) admiration (iii) penitence (iv) hatred
- (e) All the parties have joined hands to CONSPIRE and overthrow the government. (Synonym)
(i) collaborate (ii) collude (iii) concur (iv) concert
- (f) The price of onions in the market is EXORBITANT these days. (Synonym)
(i) exaggerated (ii) preposterous (iii) sumptuous (iv) excessive
- (g) An over – indulgent mother is always BLIND to her child's faults. (Antonym)
(i) unable to see (ii) sensitive (iii) ignorant (iv) aware

Q. 14. Fill in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions.

(07)

- (a) Tagore was endowed _____ rare talents.
(i) for (ii) about (iii) of (iv) with
- (b) You are not amenable _____ reason.
(i) of (ii) to (iii) for (iv) on
- (c) He emphasised _____ his point.
(i) on (ii) at (iii) over (iv) no preposition needed
- (d) I beg to differ _____ you on this subject.
(i) at (ii) with (iii) to (iv) for
- (e) The poor old man was blind _____ one eye.
(i) in (ii) of (iii) to (iv) by
- (f) My friend insisted _____ my staying with her a little longer.
(i) in (ii) on (iii) with (iv) no preposition needed
- (g) Entry _____ this auditorium is _____ ticket.
(i) in, through (ii) to, by (iii) into, by (iv) into, through

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Section - 'A'

- Q) a) → Fear of going out
→ Interacting with people
- b) → It is mandatory to go out for work & be with other people which is not safe due to its contagiousness.
- c) → even though it is frightening, we have to prepare ourselves for the worst by putting away our fears.
- d) → ~~to~~ go to work but take all the necessary precautions
→ build our immunity
- e) i) days are numbered
ii) take the bull by its horn
iii) caught between the devil & the deep blue sea
- f) No it is not.
Because can affect anybody irrespective of caste, creed, gender, etc.
- g) when faced with a difficulty don't shy away. Find ways to deal with the problems head on.

Q2) a) Title should talk about the importance of present and the need to be fearless.
For ex: 'Live in the moment without worrying about tomorrow',
'Present is more important than being afraid of the future?'

b) Alliteration: Big Bird (May also write anthropomorphism) *

- c) • Stay home, stay safe
• Not face unnecessary dangers / take unnecessary risks

d) • be Successful in future

- e) • Fearless
• Living in moment
• Accepting the truths of life

e) Line means that even though parents are angry with the rabbit, they still love him.

- f) • Fearless, living in the moment
• Accepting the truths of life

* Anthropomorphism = Animals given human characteristics

- Q8) a) claustrophobia
b) encyclopedia
c) pandemic
d) ~~swamp~~ / swarm / ~~suede~~
e) utopia

- Q9) a) i) the
ii) the
iii) x / ϕ
iv) an
v) ϕ
vi) a
vii) the

- b) viii) a
ix) a
x) The
xi) ϕ
xii) the
xiii) the
xiv) The
xv) ϕ
xvi) the

- c) xvii) ϕ
xviii) ϕ
xix) a
xx) a

- Q10) a) i) declining
b) ii) intense dislike
c) iv) resemble
d) ii) ^{is} a state of excitement
e) iii) overtaxing his energy

- Q11) a) i) banking on
b) iii) bear out
c) ii) call upon
d) i) break up
e) iv) taken aback
f) ii) asking for

Q12) a) She asked whether she needed to write a letter.
b) ~~No other boy in~~
~~Few boys are better~~
~~Few boys in the class are better than Raj.~~
Raj is better than most other boys in the class.

- c) That he is a rich man is known by everyone.
d) This news can never be true.
e) To eat a lot makes one fat.
f) Didn't I tell you to work hard?
g) She spoke in a gentle manner to explain her point of view.
h) He forced his way through the crowd.
j) He did not fail in anything he attempted.
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c) i) deviate
d) ii) admiration
e) ii) collude
f) ~~iv) excessive~~ i) preposterous
g) iv) aware

Q14) a) iv) with

b) ii) to

c) iv) no preposition needed

d) ii) with

e) ~~iv)~~ by i) in

f) ii) on

g) ii) to, by