

**RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRADUN**  
**ENTRANCE EXAMINATION - DEC 2021**  
**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 two sections.
  - (a) Reading and Writing Section - 70 Marks
  - (b) Grammar - 55 Marks

**SECTION A - READING AND WRITING (70 MARKS)**

**Q.1** Imagine that you are the captain of your school's football team. Your team lost to the eventual winners in the semi finals of the First Inter School Football Competition organised by Dehradun Football Association. As a result, your team is very disappointed. As the captain of your team, you are required to deliver a speech to your teammates to help them assess their areas of improvement, look at the positive aspects and chalk out plans for the future. Draft the speech in about 300 to 350 words. [15 Marks]

**Q.2** Read the passage and answer the questions that follows: [10 Marks]

One of my teachers who used to teach Research Methodology had a strange habit. After each class, he would tear off his class notes and throw them in the waste paper basket. When I asked him why he did so, he said, 'If I don't tear off the notes, I will tend to repeat what I know today in tomorrow's class. That would put me and the whole class to sleep. What I would learn tomorrow will keep me as well as the class, awake.'

There is a difference between a learned man and a man of learning. A learned man is tied to the knowledge of the past. A man of learning is curious about the present. A learned man is bent over with the dead wood of knowledge, like an aging tree. A man of learning is vibrant and inquisitive, like a green twig breaking out of the soil after the rains. How often are teachers in the learning mode? A learned man can put not just a whole class but a whole generation to sleep. He has all the answers and no room in his head for new questions or discoveries. He can tell the distance between planet Earth and Mars, but he can't take you on the journey from your head to your heart. Learning is about integration of the head and the heart. Haven't we often heard our teachers urging us to 'Learn by heart.' Obviously, they were not referring to the biological mechanism called the heart. The expression 'learning by heart' refers to deepening of attention by going to the centre of our awareness. When some one talks about himself in the first person singular 'I', he often points his finger towards the heart rather than the head or the stomach. By Nature's design, he points towards the centre of his awareness. A teacher's primary job is to awaken the urge to concentrate on this centre of awareness - this is the core of all learning. Swami Vivekananda was a prodigious learner who was known to have memorised a whole book after reading it just once. He had once said, "The world is ready to give up its secrets if we only know how to knock, how to give it necessary blow. The strength and force of the blow come through concentration. There is no limit to the power of the human mind. The more concentrated it is, the more power is brought to bear on one point; that is the secret."

- (a) Whose strange habit is being talked about? What and why would he do so? [02]
- (b) What would keep writer and his students awake? [01]
- (c) Explain in your own words the difference between a learned man and a man of learning. [02]
- (d) How can a learned man put whole generation to sleep. [01]
- (e) Explain centre of awareness. [01]
- (f) What is the world ready for? [01]
- (g) What is the importance of concentration? [01]
- (h) What secret is being mentioned in the passage? [01]

**Q.3** Read the poem given below and answer the question that follow. [10 Marks]

It ought to be lovely to be old  
 to be full of the peace that comes of experience  
 and wrinkled ripe fulfilment  
 The wrinkled smile of completeness  
 that follows a life  
 lived undaunted and unsoured with  
 accepted lies

they would ripen like apples, and be  
 scented like pippins  
 in their old age.  
 Soothing, old people should be, like  
 apples  
 When one is tired of love,  
 Fragrant like yellowing leaves, and  
 dim with the soft  
 Stillness and satisfaction of autumn.  
 And a girl should say:  
 It must be wonderful to live and grow  
 Old  
 Look at my mother, how rich and still  
 she is!  
 And a young man should think: By  
 Jove  
 my father has faced all weathers, but  
 its been a life!

- (a) Why does the poet feel that it must be lovely to be old? [2]
- (b) The phrase "Fragrant like yellowing leaves" has which figure of speech? [1]
- (c) What does one mean by "facing all weathers"? [2]
- (d) State the Antonym of the words mentioned below: [3]
  - (i) peace
  - (ii) fragrant
  - (iii) accepted
- (e) What does the word "undaunted" mean? [1]
- (f) Provide a suitable title to the poem? [1]

Q.4 Write a paragraph on any two of the following topics in about 100 words. [10 Marks]

- (a) A rotten apple spoils the barrel.
- (b) There is no fool like an old fool.
- (c) Man proposes, God disposes
- (d) In early bird catches the worm

Q.5 Write an email to your younger sister, narrating how, during your summer camp, you learnt the value of exercising daily. Follow the format given below and invent necessary details.(100 words) [10 Marks]

From	
To	
Date	
Subject	

Thanks and Regards,

Q.6 Write a story that should start with the line "we have plenty of time", and end it with the line "we were never going to make it." [10 Marks]

Q.7 Compose a poem on any one of the following themes given below in ten lines. Make sure that some of the lines rhyme with each other. [5 Marks]

- (a) Exam
- (b) A cloudless sky
- (c) Pollution

### SECTION B – GRAMMAR (55 MARKS)

Q.8 Each of the following has a grammatical error. The error could be in the form of an incorrect answer in any of the two ways shown in the box. In case of INCORRECT USE OF WORD, write the incorrect word followed by the correct word and its part of speech. In case of MISSING WORD, write the missing word followed by its part of speech and its location in the sentence. [10 Marks]

(a)	They ran fastly.
Ans:	Incorrect word : fastly
	Correct word : fast
	Part of speech : Adverb
(b)	Rita is my sister. We all love so much.
Ans:	Missing word : her
	Part of speech : Pronoun
	Location : between 'Love' and 'So'

- (a) He is very happy us.
- (b) They won the trophy because they worked hardly.
- (c) My friend is known for his wisely as well as patience.
- (d) Let do whatever they want.
- (e) They know about your plans, do they?
- (f) The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single jump.
- (g) Ramesh Renu are classmates.
- (h) Alas! we won the match.
- (i) How money do you want?
- (j) When the going gets tough the tough gets going.

Q.9 Fill in the blanks using appropriate idioms or phrases. Each idiom or phrase must be formed by using the word given in the brackets. [10 Marks]

- (a) About a week ago, he was down with fever. He is now \_\_\_\_\_ (pink)
- (b) Vikram never showed \_\_\_\_\_ in his life. He was very brave. (white)
- (c) The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ when the naughty boy disturbed others in the class. (red)
- (d) Without the principal's permission we cannot organise the tournament. If we request him, he will definitely give us \_\_\_\_\_ (nod)
- (e) He is not \_\_\_\_\_. He might appear to be rude but he is a good person. (black)
- (f) The underdog \_\_\_\_\_ a stunning victory. (pull)
- (g) The actor \_\_\_\_\_ drinking when his movies did not do well. (take)
- (h) Dhoni's plan to deceive the batsman \_\_\_\_\_ (pay)
- (i) He fainted for a while when he fell down. Very soon he \_\_\_\_\_. (come)
- (j) His parents love him because he always \_\_\_\_\_ their advice. (act)

Q.10 Rewrite the following using the directions given in the brackets. [10 Marks]

- (a) He is one of the best athletes in the country. (use 'better')
- (b) She said, "It is time we left the class" (change it into indirect speech)
- (c) Everyone is a fan of Neeraj Chopra. (Transform it into an interrogative sentence)
- (d) As soon as he threw the javeline, he started celebrating. (transform it into a negative sentence)
- (e) Why did his people renovate the house located in the village? (change the voice)
- (f) We all saw how brave you were. (use the noun form of bravery)
- (g) He was given less time to study but he came first in the exam. (use despite)
- (h) The boys suggested that they should go and swim in the river. (change it into direct speech)
- (i) The girl was so happy on her birthday that she could not think of her exams. (change it into a simple sentence)
- (j) The boy wearing a jacket knows where the sweets have been kept. (use 'who')

Q.11 Chose the correct Antonym and make a sentence from the answer.

[10 Marks]

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Integrate<br>(i) Isolate     | (ii) Analyse          | (iii) Distinguish  | (iv) Mark             |
| (b) Enigmatic<br>(i) Industrious | (ii) Mysterious       | (iii) Enthusiastic | (iv) Straight forward |
| (c) Concur<br>(i) Pertain        | (ii) Reveal           | (iii) Oppose       | (iv) Delay            |
| (d) Putrid<br>(i) Fresh          | (ii) Rancid           | (iii) Recondite    | (iv) Choleric         |
| (e) Explicit<br>(i) Clear        | (ii) Straight forward | (iii) Hidden       | (iv) Closed           |

Q.12 Use the letters of the word given below to form ten meaningful words. Each word must have at least five letters. No letter is to be used in a word more than the number of times it is used in the given word. [5 Marks]

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Q.13 Each line in the following passage has an error. Identify the errors and write the correct words against them. To help you understand the question better, you may look at the following two examples: [5 Marks]

- (i) They have going to the market
- (ii) To buy a umbrella.

**ERROR**  
going  
a

**CORRECTIONS**  
gone  
an

Now tackle the following questions.

- (a) His uncle deals with rice
- (b) He is too rich
- (c) Beside being a businessman
- (d) He is good in painting
- (e) He works hard lest he must fail

**ERROR**  
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**CORRECTIONS**  
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Q.14 Write a proverb based on each of the expressions given below.

[05 Marks]

- (a) If there is no unity among us, we will be weak.
- (b) A bad person ruins his friend.
- (c) Do things at the right time.
- (d) A great thing cannot be achieved quickly. It takes so many days.
- (e) A person in a high position or power has something to worry about.

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