

RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRADUN
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION – JUN 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 three sections.

(a) Reading Section	- 20 Marks
(b) Writing Section	- 50 Marks
(c) Grammar	- 55 Marks

SECTION A – READING (20 MARKS)

- Q.1 Read the passage and answer the questions that follows. [15 Marks]
- It is said that there is no man in this world who does not have a problem. To a common man, a problem can be anything that disturbs his equilibrium because it prevents him from achieving something that he wants. It can also be anything that poses a difficulty to him or compounds a situation for him. It means that we are not free from problems. Since we do not live in a utopian world where everything is hunky dory we encounter many problems. If a student cannot find his pencil he has a problem. If the Prime Minister of the country can't find a solution to overcome the pandemic he has a problem. If the roof of a house is damaged by hailstones, a family has a problem. If somebody talks ill of us in our absence, we have a problem. If we are not allowed to go somewhere by our parents we have a problem. If we harm an innocent person by mistake we have a problem. Problems vary from person to person in terms of their complexity and seriousness. A situation that could be seen by a person as a problem may not be seen in the same way by some other person. A problem may affect an individual, a family, a community, a nation or the entire world. We create problems for ourselves in many ways. Many problems will disappear from our life when we manage our time well, respect our elders, show kindness to others and love the nature. When we manage our time well, we are able to execute many tasks we had planned for ourselves. It makes us feel a sense of achievement. When we are absorbed in our work, our mind ceases to become a devil's workshop. When we listen to our parents, we become good human beings. When we show kindness to others, we become better human beings. When we take care of the nature, natural calamities do not take birth. There are some people in this world who love to have those situations which many would call problems. These situations are opportunities for them to test themselves. They strongly believe that these opportunities teach them many lessons of life and eventually help them become better versions of themselves

- (a) How is problem defined in the opinion of a common man? [2]
 - (b) How can we get rid of many of our problems in our life? [2]
 - (c) Give one example each of personal problem and global problem. [2]
 - (d) How is problem defined in the opinion of someone who loves to face problems? [2]
 - (e) What is your conclusion about problems after having gone through the passage? [2]
 - (f) Which of the following is not true according to the passage? [1]
 - (i) A common man dislikes problems.
 - (ii) A common man can solve many of his problems.
 - (iii) Some people like to have problems.
 - (iv) Problems are not helpful at all.
 - (g) Find the word from the passage which mean [2]
 - (i) Ideal
 - (ii) Complicate
 - (h) Find the phrases from the passage which mean [2]
 - (i) Concentrate
 - (ii) There is no problem
- Q.2 Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follows: [5]

Indian Weavers

Weavers, weaving at break of day,
 Why do you weave a garment so gay?
 Blue as the wing of a bluebird wild,
 We weave the robes of a new-born child.
 Weavers, weaving at fall of night,
 Why do weave garment so bright?
 Like the plumes of a peacock, purple or green,

We weave the marriage veils of a queen
Weavers, weaving solemn and still,
What do you weave in moonlight chill?
White as a feather and white as a cloud,
We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

- (a) What do the weavers weave in the early morning? [1]
- (b) The _____ is purple and green coloured. [1]
- (c) Whom does the poet address in the poem? [1]
- (d) What happens in the chilly moonlight? [1]
- (e) The three stages of life mentioned in the poem are _____. [1]

SECTION B – WRITING (50 MARKS)

Q.3 Write a letter to the editor of the Times of India suggesting how the people of our nation could deal with another pandemic in future. (in about 130 to 150 words.) [10 Marks]

Q.4 Read the following passage and draft a precis. [10 Marks]

There are different kinds of students in a school. They are usually categorised as good, naughty and weak. Good students are characterised by intelligence, obedience, punctuality and modesty. Naughty students are quite problematic. They may be intelligent but they disturb the class by causing distraction both for the teachers as well as the taught. They may pick up a quarrel with anybody anytime. They may also steal a pen, a book or anything from the other students. Weak students are those who don't do well in their exams. There are many factors that could make a student weak. He is not familiar with his lessons because he cannot understand what the teachers are teaching in the class. It may be attributed to lack of good foundation, lack of confidence, lack of motivation, or lack of proper guidance. Teachers and parents need to work as a team to find out the cause of a student's weakness. They must motivate him, clarify his doubts and help set realistic goals for himself.

Q.5 Write poem on the topic "My Favourite Dream".
(only four stanzas, four lines in each stanza) [10 Marks]

Q.6 Write an article on "Effect of pandemic on education of school going children". [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 Rewrite the following using the directions given within brackets. [1x10 = 10 Marks]
- (a) He refused to accept the award in a dignified manner. (use dignity)
 - (b) He scored the highest runs in the match and he was adjudged man of the match. (transform it into a simple sentence)
 - (c) He is too young to understand the situation. (transform it into a complex sentence)
 - (d) Despite being late he was not punished. (transform it into a compound sentence)
 - (e) Jaipur is one of the most beautiful cities in India. (use 'more beautiful')
 - (f) The two girls said, "Let the show begin" (change it into indirect speech)
 - (g) My mother told them that she had not received my letter. (change it into direct speech)
 - (h) Why didn't they come home yesterday? (change it into passive voice)
 - (i) Let each student be given a pen after the assembly. (change it into active voice)
 - (j) He followed his advice without any hesitation. (use a word to substitute 'without any hesitation')

- Q.9 Write five words using the letters that form the following word. Each word should have at least four letters and no letter should be repeated. Also frame a sentence using each of the five words. [1x5=5 Marks]

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- Q.10 Re-arrange the words given in the box to form meaningful sentences. [10 Marks]

- (a) eat that climb fruit the tree he would the must
- (b) In should time he I happy be very will come home
- (c) carefully should lest fall walk you
- (d) brother finished had the work home after came my I
- (e) did only know newspaper the when he read I know won that match the
- (f) by before of the internet the advent wrote we hand letters
- (g) to one we waited the postman for eagerly deliver
- (h) television those serials drama days the epic of were
- (i) one just television channel then meant
- (j) in were cassette and recorders video still vogue

- Q.11 Give one word for each of the following expressions: [10 Marks]

- (a) A man who has too much enthusiasm for his own religion F _ _ _ _ _ C (7 letters)
- (b) A place where weapons and ammunitions are stored A _ _ _ _ _ L (7 letters)
- (c) One who pretends to be what he is not H _ _ _ _ _ E (9 letters)
- (d) The art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing R _ _ _ _ _ C (8 letters)
- (e) A feeling of sadness mixed with pleasure for a period in the past N _ _ _ _ _ A (9 letters)
- (f) A literary theft P _ _ _ _ _ M (10 letters)
- (g) Animals which live in groups G _ _ _ _ _ S (10 letters)
- (h) One who leaves his country to settle elsewhere E _ _ _ _ _ T (8 letters)
- (i) One who leaves his country to settle elsewhere E _ _ _ _ _ T (8 letters)
- (j) Coining of new word or a phrase N _ _ _ _ _ M (9 letters)
- (k) A student who runs away from the class or the school without permission T _ _ _ T (6 letters)

Q.12 Choose the word which is most nearly the same in the meaning as the word given below:
[5 Marks]

- (a) AUSTERE
(i) proud
(iii) revered
(ii) rigorous
(iv) very poor

(b) BERSERK
(i) clever
(iii) noisy
(ii) happy
(iv) uncontrollably wild

(c) EMULATE
(i) to strive or excel
(iii) to imitate
(ii) to rival successfully
(iv) to be eager to rival

(d) ENIGMATIC
(i) pitty
(iii) complicated
(ii) puzzling
(iv) illusive

(e) LEVITATE
(i) rise and float in air
(iii) levity
(ii) impose
(iv) invite

Q.13 Make two idioms with each of the words given below. Example:-

[10 Marks]

Hand – lend a hand / have your hands full.

- (a) Egg (b) Leg (c) Bird (d) Eyes (e) Heel

Q.14 Give one homophone for each of the following words

[5 Marks]

- (a) Complement
 - (b) Flour
 - (c) Aisle
 - (d) Course
 - (e) Idle

Q.15 Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate verb.

[5 Marks]

- (a) A number of people _____ going to attend the function. (is/are)
 - (b) Dal and rice _____ my favourite dish. (is/are)
 - (c) Most of the sugar _____ been sold. (has/have)
 - (d) Half of his income _____ spent on construction of his house. (was/were)
 - (e) The police _____ trying to catch the thief.(is/are)
 - (f) Neither Rohan nor the two students _____ coming today.(is/are)
 - (g) One of the boys _____ to watch horror movies.(like/likes)
 - (h) If I _____ the prime minister, I would help the poor. (was/ were)
 - (i) Anil and Arun _____ playing in the park. (is/are)
 - (j) Aman as well as his friends _____ coming over for a party.(is/are)

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Section 'A'

(Q1) a) To a common man a problem is anything that disturbs his day to day balance and holds him off from achieving something and worsens the situation for him.

b) We get rid of many of our problems in our life by managing our time, respecting our elders, showing kindness to others and love for nature.

c) Problems which are personal: as per students

Global Problems → pandemic / global warming / increased pollution / depletion of water levels / etc.

d) In the opinion of someone who loves to face problem is defined as a challenge that tests their abilities, teaches them many lessons, and makes them better human beings.

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e) (Varies from student to student)

General opinion: Problems teach us many lessons and act as stepping stone to your success

f) iv) Problems are not helpful at all

g) i) Ideal → utopian

ii) complicate → complexity

h) i) concentrate → absorbed

ii) there is no problem → hunky dory

Q2) a) The weavers weave the bright-coloured robes of child in the early morning

b) Plumes of a peacock

c) The poet address the weavers

d) In the chilly moonlight, the weavers solemnly weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

e) The 3 stages mention in the poem are

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birth (new born child), marriage, and death.

Section 'B'

(Q4) Precis should be about 60-70 words.

Important points to be covered are as follows:

- ① Different kinds of students - good, naughty, weak
- ② Good students - intelligent + obedient
- ③ Naughty students - troublemakers
- ④ Weak students may be so because lesson taught unfamiliar, difficult to understand due to lack of foundation, confidence, or motivation
- ⑤ Cause of weakness in a student must be detected and effective measures should be taken.

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- (Q8) a) He refused to accept the award with dignity
- b) Having scored the highest run in the match, he was judged man of the match.
- c) He is so young that he cannot understand the situation.
- d) He was late yet he was not punished
- e) Jaipur is more beautiful than many other cities in India
- f) The two girls said that the show should begin
- g) My mother said to them, "I have not received my child's letter."
- h) No passive
- i) Give each student a pen after the

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the assembly.

j) He followed his advice with conviction
 (confidently)

Q9) dragon

drag

Orange

Range

Manage

Node

Adorn

Made

Rage

Dame

Mega

Q10(a) He that would climb the tree must eat
 the fruit

b) Should he come home in time I
 will be very happy.

c) Walk carefully lest you should fall

d) After I had finished the work my

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brother came home

OR

I came home after my brother had finished the work

- e) Incorrect
- f) We wrote letters by hand before the advent of the internet
- g) (Incorrect / Incomplete question)
- h) The television drama serials in those days were epic
- i) Television then meant just one channel
- j) Casette and video recorders were still in vogue.

- Q11) a) Fanatic
 b) Arsenal
 c) Hypocrite
 d) Rhetoric
 e) Nostalgia
 f) Plagiarism

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- g) gregarious
 h) emigrant
 i) emigrant
 j) Neologism
 k) Traudnt

- (Q12)a) ii) vigorous
 b) iv) uncontrollably wild
 c) iii) to imitate
 d) ii) puzzling
 e) i) rise and float in air

- (Q13)a) egg:
 - egg on
 - to put all your eggs in one basket
 - to walk on egg shells

- b) Leg:
 - Break a leg
 - lost an arm and a leg
 - one leg in the grave

- c) Bird
 - Bird's-eye view
 - Birds of same feather flock together
 - Bird in hand is better than 2 in the bush

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d) eyes:

- kaleidoscopic eyes
- wandering eyes
- avert one's eyes
- before your very eyes

e) Heel:

- Achilles heel
- Take to heels
- Bring to heel

(Q14)a) compliment

- b) floor
- c) isle
- d) coarse
- e) ideal / idol

(Q15)a) are

- b) is
- c) has
- d) was
- e) are
- f) are
- g) likes

h) were

- i) are
- j) is