

RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRADUN
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION – DEC 2025
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. Questions have to be attempted serially.
6. Leave three line space/gap after completing every answer.
7. Question number has to be written clearly on the left side of the answer sheets.
8. 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 - 35 Marks
(b) Writing Section - 45 Marks
(c) Grammar - 45 Marks

SECTION A – READING (35 MARKS)

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

In the evenings usually many friends came to visit father and he would relax after the tension of the day and the house would resound with his tremendous laughter. His laugh became famous in Allahabad. Sometimes, I would peep at him and his friends from behind a curtain trying to make out what these great big people said to each other. If I was caught in the act I would be dragged out and, rather frightened, made to sit for a while on father's knee.

I admired father tremendously. He seemed to me the embodiment of strength, courage and cleverness, far above all the other men I saw, and I treasured the hope that when I grew up I would be rather like him. But, much as I admired him and loved him, I feared him also. His temper was indeed an awful thing and even in after years I don't think I ever came across anything to match it in its own line. But, fortunately, he had a strong sense of humour also and an iron will, and he could as a ruler control himself. As he grew older his power of control grew, and it was very rare for him to indulge in anything like his old temper.

One of my earliest recollections is of this temper, for I was the victim of it. I must have been about five or six then. I noticed one day two fountain pens on his office table and I looked at them with greed. I argued with myself that father could not require both at the same time and so I helped myself to one of them. Later I found that a mighty search was being made for the lost pen and I grew frightened at what I had done, but I did not confess. The pen was discovered and my guilt proclaimed to the world. Father was very angry and he gave me a tremendous thrashing.

I do not remember bearing any ill will toward my father because of this punishment. I think I must have felt that it was a just punishment, though perhaps over-done. But, though my admiration and affection for him remained as strong as ever, fear formed a part of them. Not so with my mother. I had no fear, for I knew she would condone everything I did, and because of her excessive and indiscriminating love for me, I tried to dominate over her a little. I saw much more of her than I did of my father, and she seemed nearer to me, so I would confide in her when I would not dream of doing so to father. She was polite and short of stature, and soon I was almost as tall as she was and felt more of an equal with her. I admired her beauty and loved her amazingly small and beautiful hands and feet.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, choose the correct option.

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru as a child would peep at his father and his friends from behind the curtain to _____ **[1 mark]**
- (i) Hear their conversation (ii) Enjoy their conversation
(iii) Pas his leisure time (iv) Look at them

- (b) What was an awful characteristic in Nehru's father? [1 mark]

(i) His extrovert nature (ii) His fleeting mood
(iii) His foody habit (iv) His angry nature

(c) The author was tempted to see _____. [1 mark]

(i) Pencil boxes (ii) Story books
(iii) Fountain pens (iv) Paper flowers

(d) Why does the author mean when he says, "my guilt proclaimed to the world"? [1 mark]

(i) His guilt became public (ii) His guilt remain hidden
(iii) Everyone talked about his mistake (iv) He admitted his guilt

(e) Which punishment does Jawaharlal Nehru talk about? [2 mark]

(f) How does Nehru describe his mother? [2 mark]

(g) In not more than 40 words describe how Jawaharlal Nehru admire his father? [2 mark]

(h) Give one word meaning or short phrase for the following words as in the passage [4 mark]

(i) Frightened (Para 1)
(ii) Confide in (Para 4)
~~(iii) Repte~~ (Para 4)
(iv) Proclaimed (Para 3)

(i) The author's father's power of _____ grew with his growing age. [1 mark]

(i) Speech (ii) Memory
(iii) Endurance (iv) Self Control

Q.2 Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

[10 Mark]

Talent may shine like a star in the night,
A gift from the heavens, burning bright.
But passion, like fire, is a force untamed,
It pushes us forward, unafraid and unashamed.

Talent can sleep when the winds are calm,
But passion awakens, a constant psalm.
It fuels the journey, no matter the cost,
Turning each setback into a gain, never lost.

So choose passion over the gift you are born,
For in its warmth, new paths are adorned.
Talent may start the race, but passion's the key.
To unlock the doors to your fullest destiny.

- (a) What does the talent represent in the poem? [1 mark]
(i) A gift from others (iii) A natural skill or ability
(ii) A consistent drive (iv) A failure

(b) How is passion described in the poem? [1 mark]
(i) As a temporary feeling (iii) As a quiet emotion
(ii) As a force that is untamed and unstoppable (iv) As a fleeting moment

(c) What happens when talent "sleeps"? [1 mark]
(i) Passion remains dormant (iii) Talent shines brighter
(ii) Passion awakens (iv) Passion disappears

(d) What is the central theme of the poem? [1 mark]
(i) The importance of talent over passion (iii) The role of luck in success
(ii) The power of passion over talent (iv) The necessity of hard work alone

- (e) What does the poet suggest about setbacks? [1 mark]
 (i) They are permanent (ii) They can be turned into gains with passion (iii) They will stop progress (iv) They only affect talent
- (f) What is the meaning of the word 'untamed'? [1 mark]
 (i) Happy (ii) Uncontrolled (iii) Normal (iv) Destructive
- (g) What is the poet's view on the relationship between talent and passion? [1 mark]
 (i) Talent is more important than passion (ii) Talent and passion are equally important (iii) Passion is more important than talent (iv) Talent and passion can't coexist
- (h) What does the poet mean by "unlock the doors to your fullest destiny"? [1 mark]
 (i) Talent can open all doors
 (ii) Passion leads to the realization of one's potential
 (iii) Talent will lead to success automatically
 (iv) Passion hinders success.
- (i) What is the metaphor used to describe passion in the poem? [1 mark]
 (i) A flame that consumes everything. (ii) A constant psalm or song
 (iii) A fleeting breeze (iv) A solid rock
- (j) Which of the following lines reflects the role of passion in overcoming challenges? [1 mark]
 (i) "Talent may shine like a star in the night"
 (ii) "It fuels the journey, no matter the cost"
 (iii) "But passion awakens, a constant psalm"
 (iv) "Turning each setback into a gain, never lost"

3. Read the poem and answer the following questions:- [10 Marks]

"The voice of Nature"

The morning sun climbs through the mist,
 And paints the hills with golden twist.
 The river hums a gentle song,
 It guides the weary hearts along

The trees stand tall, their branches wide,
 With secrets that breezes hide.
 Each leaf that flutters, green & small,
 Whispers of peace to one & all.

The night then comes with silver light,
 The stars awake to guard the night.
 The moon reflects a quiet grace,
 A tender smile on nature's face.

Oh! Listen well, both near and far,
 To earth, to sky, to stream, to star.
 For every voice in nature's part,
 Speaks softly to the human heart.

Answer the following questions :-

- (a) What does the river do in the poem? [1 mark]
 (b) What do the trees hide, according to the poet? [1 mark]
 (c) What does the moon symbolize in the poem? [1 mark]
 (d) Which natural element is described as guarding the night? [1 mark]
 (e) What is the central idea of the poem? [1 mark]

- (f) Find the words in the poem that mean: [2 mark]
 (i) Tired or worn out.
 (ii) Light mist or fog.
- (g) Use the word "flutter" (form the poem) in your own sentence. [1 mark]
- (h) According to the poet, how does nature "speak" to humans? [2 mark]

Q.9
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SECTION B – WRITING (45 MARKS)

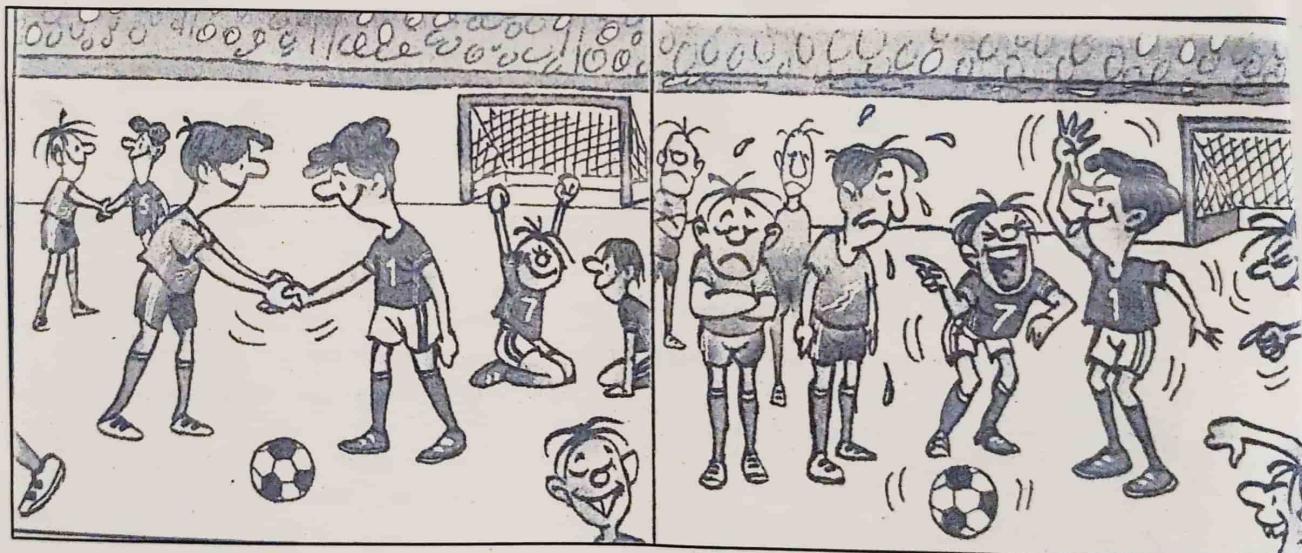
Q.4 You are Mohan Sharma, a resident of South Delhi. Write a letter to your former music teacher tell her how many lessons of life he learned from her are helping him overcome many difficulties in his school. Also tell her how music is making him lead a better life. [10 Mar]

Q.5 Plastic is widely used in our daily life, but it has become a major threat to the environment. It pollutes land & water, harms animals and does not decompose for years. As Rohan / Riya, a student of class 7, write an article for your school magazine on the above mentioned problems in about 120-150 words. Give heading also. [15 Mar]

Q.6 Write a paragraph each on any ONE of the following topics in about 120 words:- [10 Mark]

- (a) One must create one's opportunity.
- (b) Parents must not pamper their children.
- (c) Failure is not a curse.

Q.7 Look at the picture given below and write a story in about 150 words. [10 Mark]



SECTION C – GRAMMAR (45 MARKS)

Q.8 Rewrite the sentences by following the instructions or hints within the brackets. [1 x 10 = 10 Mar]

- (a) No soon did Arti see the thief she went into action. (Begin with Hardly)
- (b) Health is very important. It must not be neglected. (Combine without using And or But)
- (c) Why waste time in doing useless things? (Change it into affirmative sentence)
- (d) Rita said to Kanta, "I am going to office. Where are you going now?" (Change it into indirect speech)
- (e) His own brother deceived him. It was his only disappointment. (Combine to form a complex sentence)
- (f) He was poor and so he couldn't continue his studies. (Change it into simple sentence)
- (g) No other English poet is as profound as Keats in English Literature. (Change it into superlative degree)
- (h) She would have finished her work by four. (Change it into passive voice)

- (i) Only Modi could bring the BJP into power. (Transform it into a negative sentence)
(j) He told me that he had told the story the previous month. (Change it into direct speech)

Q.9 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word (error) and the correction (The correct word) shown below:- [1 x 5 = 5 Marks]

- (a) I was really worried at tricki this time.
(b) I had pulled on my ear
(c) when I saw him at the streets with his mistress. e
(d) I was shocked on his appearance (His eyes bloodshot, stared straight ahead
and his tongue rolled for his jaws.)

Q.10 Rearrange the words and phrases given below to form meaningful and grammatically correct sentences. [1 x 5 = 5 Marks]

- (a) the laden / had snapped / heart / in two / right.
(b) was a / dreadfully / certainly / it / hart frost.
(c) the disciple / but / the guru's wisdom / wouldn't listen to.
(d) rain / filled / heavy / and incessant / the darkness
(e) themselves / made fools / of / certainly / the boys.

Q.11 Choose the meaning of the following phrases from the given options:-

[1 x 5 = 5 Marks]

- (a) To drive home.
(i) To find one's roots
(iii) Back to original position
(ii) To emphasise
(iv) None of above

(b) Die in harness.
(i) To retire comfortably
(iii) To live a long life
(ii) To die while in service or actively working
(iv) To die suddenly

(c) Hit the hay.
(i) To go to bed or go to sleep
(iii) To hit badly
(ii) To move around
(iv) To face difficulty

(d) Feather his nest.
(i) Decorate his home
(iii) Provide for his own needs
(ii) Be the enemy of others
(iv) Trap birds

(e) Turn turtle.
(i) Turn like a turtle
(iii) Games turtles play
(ii) Over turn
(iv) Slow like a turtle

Q.12 Fill in the blanks with the suitable forms of verbs given in the bracket.

[1 x 5 = 5 Marks]

- (a) I _____ (meet) you again next Monday.
(b) We _____ (hope) that he would visit us.
(c) I should thank him for what he _____ (do) for me.
(d) I _____ (not see) her since we left.
(e) People were _____ (go) to pull down the statue.

Q.13 Fill in the blanks with appropriate option:-

[1 x 5 = 5 Marks]

- (a) He insisted ____ paying for the meal himself. (on / in / for).
(b) The manager congratulated her ____ winning the award. (for / on / to)
(c) She was accused ____ stealing the money. (by / for / of)
(d) We rely ____ our teachers for guidance & support. (at / on / in)
(e) The children were excited ____ going to the zoo. (for / about / in)

Q.14 Choose the modal to fill in the blank:-

[1 x 5 = 5 Marks]

- (a) Rohit ___ finish his homework before going out to play.
(i) Should (ii) May (iii) Might (iv) Could
- (b) If you want to stay healthy, you ___ exercise regularly.
(i) Can (ii) Must (iii) May (iv) Will
- (c) You ___ be tired after such a long journey. Why don't you rest?
(i) Must (ii) Should (iii) May (iv) Will
- (d) If it rains tomorrow, the match ___ be cancelled.
(i) Might (ii) Must (iii) Can (iv) Should
- (e) He ___ solve this problem easily.
(i) Will can (ii) Might could (iii) Can (iv) Must can

Q.15 Change the voice of the following sentences:-

[1 x 5 = 5 Marks]

- (a) The postman delivered the letter.
- (b) Tea is drunk by many people in India.
- (c) Rohan is cleaning the classroom.
- (d) The story had been written by Premchand.
- (e) The government is building a new hospital.