

The Mahakal Tutorial
Rashtriya Indian Military College Dehradun

Candidate Name:-

English CET-02

Maximum Time :- 2hr
Maximum Marks :- 125

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 - 45 Marks
 - (c) Grammar - 55 Marks

All the best

SECTION A -READING (25 MARKS)

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answers the questions that follow. [15 Marks]

An equally outstanding feature of the ancient Indian educational system Adhyatam Vichara. Because of this very basic character of an eternal spiritual quest, the Indian system of education is sometimes mistaken to be "otherworldly". Whatever be the walk of life or the field of specialisation, be it science or medicine or the mechanics of war or the art of music or dance, the performer and the performance are always dedicated to the Divine. "Daivarpana Mastu" is the attitude of every author, of every educator, of every householder and of every student. There is no science without sublimity and no education without enlightenment. A totally materialistic world is like the paper-flower. It may last longer but exists without natural fragrance and an inner potentiality to multiply its message. Unfortunately, our modern educational system is like this paper-flower. That is the reason why an increased emphasis is laid these days on non-formal education. A large number of books have emerged even from the west like the Peasant Pedagogy of Paulo Fair. Another title is Deschooling society. Even in the West, very sensitive and highly intellectual people have got fed up with formal education. The paper-degrees and diplomats have formalised the system so much that our whole society is swelling up with the educated unemployed. A peculiar situation answers therefrom; all the uneducated somehow seem to be employed all the time and all the educated seem to be unemployed all the time. That is the reason why an increasing tendency is noticed on the part of employers to prefer performance to mere qualifications.

(a) The title below that best expresses the ideas of this passages is (01)

- (i) Modern Indian Education
- (ii) Ancient Indian Education
- (iii) Indian Education: Scenario
- (iv) Best Education

(b) Author has used the analogy of paper-flower to stress the fact that. (01)

- (i) artificial objects are better than the natural ones
- (ii) ancient Indian education was better than the present one
- (iii) Indian education is better than that given elsewhere
- (iv) None of these

(c) The writer indicates that (01)

- (i) we must abandon formal education
- (ii) modern education is lifeless
- (iii) we should switch over to non-formal education
- (iv) education cannot be without entertainment

(d) Which statement is true according to the passage? (01)

- (i) Today's education is useless for any employment
- (ii) Modern education should aim only at getting employed
- (iii) The only cause of present unemployment problems is today's education
- (iv) Present education does not provide people who can give better output

(e) Content of EARLIER paragraph most probably revealed (01)

- (i) foreigners' contributions to the Indian Education
- (ii) reasons behind the failures of Indian Education
- (iii) flaws in the modern Indian Education

(iv) contribution of ancient India to knowledge in different areas

(f) The author's attitude towards present Indian education is essentially (01)

(i) realistic

(ii) despairing

(iii) uncritical

(iv) hopeful

(g) The writer believes that (01)

(i) ancient educational system was the best

(ii) there are problems in the present educational system

(iii) people should do their work with detachment

(iv) 'Peasant Pedagogy' is the best board on education

(h) Which of the following is FALSE in the context of the passage? (01)

(i) Modern education is artificial

(ii) Indian education should borrow western ideas

(iii) Unemployment is the fruit of present educational system

(iv) Westerners are changing to non-formal education

(i) The book titled "Deschooling Society" would have discussed (01)

(i) how modern societies will function without education

(ii) how pre-historic societies educated themselves without schools

(iii) how education can take place outside the schools

(iv) how present education has created problems rather than giving solutions

Directions : Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word given in bold as used in the passage.

(j) **SUBLIMITY** (01)

- (i) Depression (ii) Reduction
(iii) Subversion (iv) Upheaval

(k) **ENLIGHTENMENT** (01)

- (i) Lightness (ii) Insight
(iii) Twilight (iv) Blinding

(l) **DEDICATED** (01)

- (i) Devoted (ii) Abstained
(iii) Offered (iv) Reserved

Directions : Choose the word which is most **OPPOSITE** in meaning of the word given in bold as used in the passage.

(m) **PECULIAR** (01)

- (i) Special (ii) Specific
(iii) Distinct (iv) Universal

(n) **FRAGRANCE** (01)

- (i) Aroma (ii) Perfume
(iii) Flavour (iv) Stink

(o) **ETERNAL** (01)

- (i) Momentary (ii) Endless
(iii) Ceaseless (iv) Everlasting

Q.2 Read the poem given below and answers the questions that follow- [10 Marks]

The world is too much with us; late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers:
Little we see in Nature that is ours;
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!
This Sea that bares her bosom to the moon;
The winds that will be howling at all hours,

And are up-gathered now like sleeping flowers;
For this, for everything, we are out of tune,
It moves us not.—Great God! I'd rather be
A Pagan suckled in a creed outworn;
So might I, standing on this pleasant lea,
Have glimpses that would make me less forlorn;
Have sight of Proteus rising from the sea;
Or hear old Triton blow his wreathed horn.

- (a) What does the narrator prefer to do? (01)
- (b) What does the phrase a 'creed outworn' mean? (01)
- (c) According to the narrator, what are the sights that would uplift his heart? (01)
- (d) According to the narrator, how do we waste our powers? (01)
- (e) What does the narrator mean by saying that 'little we see in nature that is ours'? (01)
- (f) What according to the narrator have the human's given their hearts to? (01)
- (g) The line 'The world is too much with us' means - (01)
- (i) man is too involved in materialistic pursuits
 - (ii) man is not connected to his inner self
 - (iii) man is not connected to nature
 - (iv) all the above
- (h) By saying that 'we are out of tune' the narrator means - (01)
- (i) That we cannot hear the music that is a part of nature
 - (ii) That man is leading a disharmonious life which leaves him dissatisfied
 - (iii) That man is leading a fulfilling and satisfying life
 - (iv) That man is unable to appreciate the beauties of nature
- (i) Give a suitable title to the given poetry. (01)
- (j) Find two pairs of rhyming words. (01)

SECTION B - WRITING (45 MARKS)

[10 Marks]

Q.3 Write a e-mail, addressed to the principals of different schools located in the district/zone and informing the students of a school about a three-day inter-school campaign for tree plantation, organized by the district administration. Assuming that

you're the head of the campaign, request them to participate in the campaign, and refer to some award to be given to the schools represented by most active participants.

Q.4 Your state government has banned the use of plastic bags. You are Amarjeet, a reporter of The National Herald. Write a report in 100-125 words on how the ban is being ignored and what damage the indiscriminate use of plastic bags is causing to the environment [10 Marks]

Q.5 Make a precis of the following passage giving a suitable title. [07 Marks]

Human life consists of a succession of small events, each of which is comparatively unimportant and yet the happiness and success of every man; depends upon the manner in which these small events are dealt with. Character is built upon little things—little things well and honourably transacted. The 'success of a man in business depends upon the attention to little things. The comfort of a household is the result of small things well-arranged. Good government can only be accomplished in the same way by well-regulated provisions for the doing of little things.

Accumulation of knowledge and experience of the most valuable kind is the result of little bits of knowledge and experience carefully treasured up. Those who learn nothing or accumulate nothing in life are set down as failures because they have neglected little things. They may themselves consider that the world has gone against them but, in fact, they have been their own enemies. [156 words]

Q.6 Sneha wanted to write a story but could not go beyond a line or two. Taking help from the information given below along with the lines Sneha wrote a complete story. [10 Marks]

Mr. Aggarwal was a very wealthy businessman. One day he was alone sitting at his dining table when...

Outline: Thief entered..... Mr. Aggarwal thanked..... to give company..... birthday gave him good food and drinks..... gave a purse full of silver coins..... years passed by..... fortunes changed..... business was ruined..... Mr. Aggarwal became poor..... 50th birthday..... alone..... no food..... no drinks..... bell rang a man emerged..... recognised..... the old thief..... came with fruits, sweets and drinks and a bag full of money.

Q.7 Write a composition on English Proverbs – **Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.** (200- 250 words). [08 Marks]

SECTION C - GRAMMAR (55 MARKS)

Q.8 Choose the antonyms of the words from the given options.

[05 Marks]

(a) **Sanctimonious**

(i) devout (ii) impious (iii) maudlin (iv) empirical

(b) **Pale**

(i) radiant (ii) waxen (iii) feeble (iv) bleached

(c) **Mishmash**

(i) potpourri (ii) organized (iii) haphazard (iv) medley

(d) **Escapade**

(i) gimmick (ii) fling (iii) stunt (iv) humorlessness

(e) **Sacrosanct**

(i) hope (ii) revered (iii) profane (iv) hallowed

Q.9 Choose the synonyms of the words from the given options.

[05 Marks]

(a) **Farcical**

(i) serious (ii) absurd (iii) lame (iv) analytical

(b) **Wile**

(i) destroy (ii) comply (iii) ruse (iv) urge

(c) **Bereft**

(i) deprived (ii) happy (iii) full (iv) populous

(d) **Morose**

(i) animated (ii) blithe (iii) sprightly (iv) surly

(e) **Extrapolate**

(i) deduce (ii) rejection (iii) scruple (iv) vacillate

Q.10 Find the correctly spelt words.

[05 Marks]

(a) (solve as per the **direction** given above)

(i) Efficient

(ii) Treatmeant

(iii) Beterment

(iv) Employd

(b) (solve as per the direction given above)

- (i) Foreign
- (ii) Foreine
- (iii) Fariegn
- (iv) Forein

(c) (solve as per the direction given above)

- (i) Ommineous
- (ii) Omineous
- (iii) Ominous
- (iv) Omenous

(d) (solve as per the direction given above)

- (i) Pessenger
- (ii) Passenger
- (iii) Pasanger
- (iv) Pesanger

(e) (solve as per the direction given above)

- (i) Treachrous
- (ii) Trecherous
- (iii) Trechearous
- (iv) Treacherous

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Q.11 Choose the right modal verb

[05 Marks]

(a) There are plenty of tomatoes in the fridge. You _____ buy any.

- (i) mustn't
- (ii) needn't
- (iii) may not
- (iv) should not

(b) This is a hospital. You _____ smoke here.

- (i) mustn't
- (ii) needn't
- (iii) may not
- (iv) don't have to

(c) People _____ walk on the grass.

- (i) couldn't
- (ii) needn't
- (iii) mustn't
- (iv) may not

(d) Drivers _____ stop when the traffic lights are red.

- (i) could
- (ii) must
- (iii) may
- (iv) can

(e) _____ I ask a question? Yes, of course.

- (i) may (ii) must (iii) should (iv) will

Q.12 Choose the correct meaning of proverb/idiom.

[05 Marks]

(a) To cry wolf

- (i) To listen eagerly
(ii) To give false alarm
(iii) To turn pale
(iv) To keep off starvation

(b) To end in smoke

- (i) To make completely understand
(ii) To ruin oneself
(iii) To excite great applause
(iv) To overcome someone

(c) To be above board

- (i) To have a good height
(ii) To be honest in any business deal
(iii) They have no debts
(iv) To try to be beautiful

(d) To put one's hand to plough

- (i) To take up agricultural farming
(ii) To take a difficult task
(iii) To get entangled into unnecessary things
(iv) Take interest in technical work

(e) To pick holes

- (i) To find some reason to quarrel
(ii) To destroy something
(iii) To criticize someone
(iv) To cut some part of an item

Q.13 Choose the right word for the blank spaces.

[05 Marks]

(a) Too many cooks _____.

- (i) twice shy
(ii) new tricks
(iii) is a friend indeed
(iv) spoil the broth.

- (b) It never rains _____
(i) spoil the broth
(ii) but it pours.
(iii) in for a pound
(iv) what you can do today
- (c) Too many cooks _____
(i) but it pours
(ii) new tricks
(iii) the heart cannot grieve over
(iv) spoil the broth.
- (d) Once bitten _____
(i) twice shy.
(ii) what you can do today
(iii) new tricks
(iv) in for a pound
- (e) In for a penny, _____
(i) in for a pound
(ii) new tricks
(iii) in for a pound.
(iv) what you can do today

Q.14 Do as directed-

[10 Marks]

- (a) Ujjwal is too cute not to be loved by all. (**Remove 'too'**)
- (b) Rameshwar said to his teacher, "Sir, I did not do my work as I was ill." (**Change into indirect**)
- (c) Children often look up to strict teachers. (**Change into passive voice**)
- (d) They are too dishonest not to take a bribe. (**Remove 'too'**)
- (e) Flowers had been left at the accident site by well-wishers. (**Change into active voice**)
- (f) Her remarks about my failure were disgusting. (**Change into simple sentence**)
- (g) If you run very fast, you can catch the bus. (**Change into compound sentence**)
- (h) She didn't write to Samar because she lost his address. (**Change into past perfect tense**)

(i) I will wait in the baggage hall, when you come out of customs. (**Change into future progressive tense**)

(j) As soon as she arrived, she went to bed. (**Change into negative sentence**)

Q.15 Fill in the blanks with Articles.

[05 Marks]

(a) _____ peacock is said to be a very vain bird.

(b) Will you take _____ picture of us?

(c) Our school is in _____ east of Delhi.

(d) Sheldon is _____ honest man.

(e) Many astronauts have splashed down in _____ Pacific Ocean.

Q.16 Correct the following sentences without changing their meaning-

[10 Marks]

(a) They brought him home when he died.

(b) We have written the letter last evening.

(c) He worked for three hours, when I met him.

(d) Mahmood Gazanavi has invaded India many times.

(e) When I met her last year, she was married for 3 years.

(f) I have bought new furnitures.

(g) Everyone got one's pay.

(h) He is becoming strong every day.

(i) Rama asked to Anil why he is angry.

(j) He must be a crook for all we know.