# RIMC SCHOLARSHIP EXAM Basic - Set - A <br> JUNE 2024 <br> SUBJECT: ENGLISH 

a) Reading section: $\mathbf{2 0}$ marks
b) Writing section: 50 marks
c) Grammar: 55 marks

Section A : Reading (MM 20)

Q1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:-
MM : 10

Ours is a land where female form has been worshipped as a deity or a Sita, an epitome of virtue and sacrifice. In Vedic India, no religious or social function was considered auspicious until a woman was present in it. However ours is also the land where female infanticide was practised in the past and where female foeticide is not considered a crime even in modern times. We have paid lip sympathy to the liberation of women. We have laws giving equal opportunity to both sexes. In practice, however, this equality remains on paper only. Little notice is taken of her emotional needs, fears, dreams and aspirations. Boys take rest after earning their living. But girls are expected to bear responsibility of running the home, welcoming guests and bringing up children even when they earn equal to or even more than the males in some cases. In poor families, girls are still sold to the highest bidder or married early to end the parents' responsibilities quickly. In rich families, girls are projected more as showpieces rather than as a human being equally worthy or useful to the society as boys.

This does not mean that shackles of old prejudices haven't been broken at all in any field. Women have equal rights in voting, job opportunities and pay scales. Girls are academically better than boys. However whether it is conjugal rights, pleasures of job opportunities, she is expected to sacrifice her wishes and interests in favour of her brother or husband. She is still expected to play a background role of a nurturer, playing a nurse to the sick and of soothing emotional wounds of the male; rather than projecting herself as a bread winner, as a peer or an important person in the family or in the social group as she sometimes deserves.

Perhaps, this duplicity and this differential treatment will disappear in the future. The female does deserve a chance to develop her potential, special skills and prove useful to the society.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:
(a) What are the two qualities that make women respectable?

MM : 2
(b) According to the author what remains on paper only?

MM : 2
(c) What is fate of the girl child in rich families?

MM ; 2
(d) Have the shackles of old prejudices really been broken?

MM : 2
(e) Find a synonym of the word, ' from the passage?

MM : 2
a) capability'
b) Epitome

Q2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:-
MM : 10
Have you seen a little dog anywhere about?
A raggy dog, a shaggy dog, who's always looking out
For some fresh mischief which he thinks he really ought to do.
He's very likely, at this minute, biting someone's shoe.
If you see that little dog, his tail up in the air,

A whirly tail, a curly tail, a dog who doesn't care For any other dog, he meets, not even for himself, Then hide your mats, and put your meat upon the topmost shelf. If you see a little dog, barking at the cars, A raggy dog, a shaggy dog, with eyes like twinkling stars, Just let me know, for though he's bad, as bad as can be; I wouldn't change that dog for all the treasures of the sea!

## Questions:

(A) What has happened to the poet's dog? How do you know that?

MM : 2
(B) How shall we know that the dog belongs to the poet if we see it on the road? MM :2
(C) What does the poet instruct others to do to avoid damage to be done by his dog?

MM : 2
(D) In spite of all his naughtiness, what does the poet say about his dog? Why?

MM : 2
(E) Give a suitable title

MM : 1
(F) Find two poetic devices used in the poem.

MM : 1
Section - B - (Writing) MM: 50
Q3 Explain any one in 100 words .
MM : 5
a) An Apple A Day Keeps The Doctor Away
b) Value Of Exercise
c) Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover

Q4 Write a composition or a story based on the given picture in 200 words.
MM : 10


Q5. Write an essay on " Online Learning Is A Boon" ( 200 words)
MM: 10

Q6 Complete the conversation.
MM: 5

Rohit calls up Rajat to make a plan for the weekend. Complete the dialogue between Rohit and Rajat by filling in the gaps.
Rohit : (i) this weekend?

Rajat: I don't have any special plan.
Rohit : How do you like the idea (ii)
$\qquad$ the zoo?

Rajat: That sounds good, But I (iii) my parent's permission.

Rohit : I'll come to your house this evening and request your parents to allow you to join me to see the zoo.

Rajat: Ok.
Rohit: (iv).

Rajat: Yes. They will be at home.
Rohit: Then I'll surely come.
Q7 Write a paragraph on "My Favourite TV Program'( 100 words)
MM: 5

Q8. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily regarding the condition of bad roads in your locality. (150 words)

MM: 10

## Q9. Make a precis of the given passage.

MM:5
Trees give shade for the benefit of others, and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure the scorching heat, they produce the fruit of which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of mankind? Sandalwood, the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield. Sugarcane, the more it is peeled and cut up into pieces, the more juice does it produce. The men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even in losing their lives. What matters whether men praise them or not? What difference does it make whether they die at this moment or whether lives are prolonged? Happen what may, those who tread in the right path will not set foot in any other. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the mere sake of living one's life is to live the life of dog and crows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of others will assuredly dwell for ever in a world of bliss.

## Section - C ( Grammar) MM: 55

Q10. Do as directed.
MM : 4
a) He is too proud to beg. (remove 'too')
b) He replied rudely. (use rude)
c) The place is beautiful. ( replace with abstract noun)
d) He is honest. ( transform into negative)

Q11. Change the Voice.
MM : 5
a) He ate an apple.
b) She is singing a song.
d) He knew me.
e) Can you lift this box?

Q12: Rewrite the correct sentence.
MM:5
a. Ramu is a honest man.
b. Bread and butter are Sheldon's favourite breakfast.
c. Birds of feathers flock together.
d. The teacher called me on 12 o'clock.
e. The sweets was distributed between all the children.

## Q13: Turn into indirect speech.

a. He said to me, "I enjoyed the ice cream."

Q14: Give one word for the following.
a. A brave fighter.
c. A person who designs buildings.
e. Footpaths of the roads.

MM:2
b. The boys said to the teacher, "We are tired."

Q15: Give synonyms of the following.
MM: 6
b. Formally declare someone to be a king.
d. An official count of a population.
F. Devices designed to perform a specific task.
A) Catch the thief immediately. Here the underlined word can be replaced by -
(a) release
(b) arrest
(c) miss
(d) none
B) She wanted to have that necklace. Here the underlined word can be replaced by -
(a) refused
(b) desired
(c) described
(d) none
C) He accused his friend of trying to steal his watch. Here the underlined word can be replaced by -
(a) give
(b) return
(c) thieve
(d) none
D)Turn the device. Here the underlined word can be replaced by -
(a) rotate
(b) curve
(c) shift
(d) none
E) Introduce yourself in brief. Here the underlined word can be replaced by -
(a) short
(b)direct
c) lengthy
d) none

Q16 : Rearrange and rewrite the correct sentence.
MM:5
a. in many parts / are found / of the world / Pearl oysters
b. in the rain / I walked / squelched as / My shoes
c. clean and shiny / keeps / She always / her car
d. learning english / I have / for a long time / been
e. that his mother / John / tells you / is in the hospital

Q17: Fill in with correct prepositions.
MM: 10
a) Diwali is $\qquad$ 10 November.
b) Gandhiji lived $\qquad$ the English rule.
c) They finished work $\qquad$ sunset.
d) Gandhiji was born $\qquad$ 1869 and died $\qquad$ 30 January, 1948.
e) I will call at your house sometime $\qquad$ the evening.
f) Shankar's birthday is $\qquad$ 3 March.
g) The train leaves Delhi $\qquad$ 3.00 pm and reaches Chandigarh $\qquad$ 7.00 pm .
h) He should be here $\qquad$ now.
i) Please come to my office at 11.00 am $\qquad$ Tuesday afternoon.
j) Pramod will see you Monday $\qquad$ 11.00 am.

Q18. Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words.
a) She went to the market and bought some eggs.
b) I want to go now.
c) What are you doing there?
d) There is a mouse underneath the piano.
e) She looked up but didn't see anything.

Q19. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs.
MM: 8
a) Bengalis $\qquad$ (celebrate) Durga Puja with great fervour. (present tense)
b) Mayank $\qquad$ (play) till 4 in the evening yesterday. (past tense)
c) 1 $\qquad$ (work) in a company for 10 years. (past tense)
d) My brother $\qquad$ (sleep) when I entered his room. (past tense)
e) The kids $\qquad$ (sing) really well in the annual function. (past tense)
f) The scheme $\qquad$ (lunch) next month. (future tense)
g) Sohan $\qquad$ (study) when you reach home. (future tense)
h) She $\qquad$ (join) sewing classes. (future tense)

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Section A : Reading (MM 20)

Q1 Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :-
MM : 10
We must do all we can to stop conflicts and civil war. Most conflicts happen in poor countries, especially which are badly governed or where power and wealth are not distributed fairly between different tribal or religious groups. So the best way to check fighting is to make a political arrangement in which all groups have their representatives. The need is to ensure human rights and economic development of all. The next fundamental freedom is one that is not mentioned in the UN charter. In 1945, the leaders could not imagine that such a situation would arise. That is the freedom of future generations to live on this planet.
Even now many of us have not understood its importance. We are using up the limited resources for our present use. We are over using and even wasting them. We are, in fact, robbing our children of their right to
live.
We must preserve our forests, fisheries and wildlife. All of these are collapsing because of our own habit of consuming or destroying them.

Answer the following questions briefly:
(a) Why do most conflicts happen in poor countries? MM:2
(b) What is the best way to check conflicts?

MM : 2
(c) What is meant by 'the freedom of future generations to live'?

MM : 2
(d) How are we robbing our children of their basic right?

MM : 2
(e) What must we preserve for our children?

MM : 2

Q2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow :-
MM : 10
Each one, Teach one
Each one, Teach one
Let this be our slogan
Let us spread the light
Of learning, across the nation
The gift of knowledge , they say
It is loveliest gift of all
Let us offer this gift
To those whose needs are small.
To those whose never learnt
How to write or read
Instead of making noises
Let's get on with the deed.
Let our country awaken
From the slumber of centuries
Let us make a pledge
To vanish illiteracy

## a) Answer the following with the help of the poem above:

i) What did the poet want everyone to do?
ii) How can we utilize the gift of knowledge and what should be our pledge?

MM : 2
iii) Name the slogan mentioned in the poem above.
b) Complete the following paragraph with words from the poem.

We have to spread the light of $\qquad$ across the nation. The loveliest gift of all is the gift of and we have to $\qquad$ this gift to those who never learnt to read or write. MM : 2
c) Mention two pairs of rhyming words from the poem above:

MM : 1
2.Find words from the passage that mean the same as

MM : 2
(a) fighting
(b) keep safely
(c) coming to end
(d) Start doing work

## Section - B Writing MM : 50

Q3.You are Harry, the president of Samaj Society, Rishi Nagar. There is a shortage of water and infrequent availability of water for the last three weeks which is causing issues for the residents. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper voicing the problems and issues faced by the residents of your society.

MM : 10
Q4. Write an Article in 200 words.
MM: 10
Modem Gadgets - A Boon
Q5. Read the following conversation carefully:
MM : 10
Rosy: Hello! is it 9035022565 ?
Rehana: Yes, please. Who's it there?
Rosy: I'm Rosy, a friend of Roma. Where is she?
Rehana : Oh! Sorry. Actually she has forgotten her mobile here. She has gone to the market. Can I help you, please?

Rosy: Oh, sure. In fact, I wanted to convey her that today's music classes shall be suspended because the teacher is not well. Instead it wall be held on Sunday. So she should remember it. Could you please pass this message to her?

Rehana: Oh! Sure. Thank you.
Rosy: Thank you too.
As Rehana is going to her dance classes she needs to reproduce the message for Roma. Write the message on her behalf with every detail.

Q6. You are Kiran, School Captain of Kabir Model School, Rohtak. Write a notice informing the students about a debate competition to be held on 12 January

MM : 10
Q7. Write a story based on the given picture.
MM:10


Nashla: $\qquad$
Jasmin: I'm fine thanks.
Nashla: I'm pretty good, thanks. $\qquad$
Jasmin: And I'm Jasmin.
Nashla: $\qquad$
Jasmin: Nice to meet you, too.
Nashla: Yes. I am.
Jasmin: $\qquad$
Nashla: See you in class.
Q9: Change into Past Simple form.
MM:5
a) He has been playing.
b) She will be coming.
c) They had done the work.
d) We are dancing.
e) She is late.

Q10: Identify parts of speech of the underlined words.
MM: 5
a) He came immediately.
b) She was extremely happy.
c) They had not done their work.
d) She gave me a wrong answer.
e) She replied confidently.

Q11. Give one word for the following.
MM : 5
a. One that lives on others
b. One who walks on foot
c. One who is gifted with several talents.
d. One who settles in another country
e. One who carves in stones.

Q12. Choose the correct options.
MM: 5
A) We should work on certain $\qquad$ in our life.
(a) principals
(b) principles
(c) principled
(d) none of these
B) My grandmother told me a fair $\qquad$
(a) tail
(b) pale
(c) fail
(d) tale
C) The sky is $\qquad$
(a) blue
(b) blew
(c) clue
(d) Flu
D) There are seven days in a $\qquad$
(a) weak
(b) weaker
(c) week
(d) seek
E) Give mea $\qquad$ of bread.
(a) peace
(b) piece
(c) please
(d) none of these

Q13. Do as directed.
MM:5

1. What a stupid thing to do! (change into declarative)
2. They will get angry when they find out. (change into interrogative)
3. She is very generous. (change into exclamatory)
4. That was a splendid performance. (change into exclamatory)
5. They will not allow us to leave. (change into interrogative)

Q14. Identify the Voice.
MM:5
a) The children were laughing.
b) The children were being called.
c) They gave me a wrong answer.
d) The thief was caught.
e) Let the work be done.

Q15. Give the meanings of the following IDIOMS.
MM: 5
A) 'If you pass this difficult examination it will be a feather in you 'cap'
A) Your parents will be very happy
B) You will get a scholarship for higher studies
C) You will feel proud of it
D) You will get a very good job
B) Between the Devil and deep Sea
A) In a fix
B) A Devil in the sea
C) In a undesirable situation
D) A compromising situation
C) An apple of discord
A) cause of wealth
B) cause of illness
C) cause of happiness
D) cause of quarrel
D) A Gala day
A) A day of success
B) A day of merry-making
C) An eventful day
D) A day of significance
E) Pocket an insult
A) Bear insult without protest
B) Not to take any action
C) Sit over a resolution
D) Ignore a case

Q16: Give the synonyms of the following words:
MM: 6
A) A synonym for precious is $\qquad$
a. valuable
b. ordinary
c. common
d. bland
B) A synonym for embarrassed is $\qquad$
a. ashamed
b. comforted
c. pleased
d. none of the above
C) A synonym for division is $\qquad$
a. unification
b. combination
c. multiplication
d. separation
D) A synonym for recognize is $\qquad$
a. identify
b. mistake
c. misunderstand
d. reject
E) A synonym for important is $\qquad$
a. significant
b. ordinary
c. message
d. adjusted
F) A synonym for necessary is
a. required
b. boring
c. common
d. useless

Q17. Give the Antonym of the following.
a) Which word has the opposite meaning of the word MOISTURE?
a. dampness
b. surface
c. dryness
d. weather
b) The book was CAPTIVATING to read. Which word is an antonym for captivating?
a. boring
b. fascinating
c. fun
d. Interesting
c) An antonym for "excess" is
a. drenched
b. overflowing
c. lack
d. success
d) An antonym for massive is $\qquad$
a. large
b. miniature
c. huge
d. immense

Q18: Correct the spellings.
a) reccieve
b) aprresiate
c) newmonia
d) prepair
e) beacause
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Section A : Reading (MM 20)
Q. 1 READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE CAREFULLY and answer the questions:

MM:10
The sun, eight planets, satellites and some other celestial bodies form the solar system. The sun is in the centre of the solar system. The sun is ultimate source of heat and light for the solar system. There are eight planets in our solar system. They are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Satum, Uranus and Neptune. Mercury is the nearest planet to the sun.

Venus is considered as "earth's-twin" because its size and shape are very much similar to that of earth. Earth is the third nearest planet to the sun. The earth is a unique planet in the solar system because only this planet has life on it. It is also known as blue planet. Our earth has only one satellite, that is the Moon.

## Answer the following questions:-

a. What is solar system?

MM :2
b. How many planets are there in solar system?

MM :2
c. Which planet is nearest to the sun?

MM :2
d. Which planet is known as "earth's twin"?

MM :2
e. How many satellites does our earth have?

MM :2
Write the names?
Q. 2 Read the poem carefully and answer the following questions:
(MM : 10)
He saw a dead crow in a drain
near the post office.
He saw an old man
gasping for air
and a baby barely able to breathe
in a crowded morning clinic.
This land is so rich.
Why should we suffer like this?
I want clean air
for my grandchildren.
I want the greedy fools
to leave the forest alone.
I want the trees to grow,
the rivers to run free, and the earth covered with grass. Let the politician plan how we may live with dignity, now and always.

## Poem Question :-

i) What did the poet see near the post office? MM : 2
ii) How is the land in the poem?

MM ; 2
iii) What happened to the old man and the child?
iv) What does the poet want for his grandchildren?

MM : 1
v) What will the politician plan?

MM : 2
vi) Give a suitable title to the poem.

MM : 1

## Section B Writing(MM 50)

Q. 3 Write an essay on any two in 150 words.
(MM: 20)
a) My Favourite Video Game
b) My Hobby
c) My Country

Q4. Write a letter to your cousin in 150 words sharing with him /her your experience of visiting a Hill Station.
(MM: 10)
Q. 5 Write a paragraph of 100 words on ' Where There Is A Will , There Is A Way'
(MM: 10)

Q6 Mobile is a nuisance. Write your views in favour of the topic in 150 words
(MM: 10)
Section C GRAMMAR (MM : 55)
Q7. Give the synonyms ( same meaning words) of the following.
(MM : 5)
a) lazy
b) weak
c) honest
d) small
e) swift

Q8. Complete the following.
(MM : 3)
a) As fast as $\qquad$
b) As white as $\qquad$
c) As cool as $\qquad$
Q9 Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words.
(MM : 10)
a) Rose is beautiful.
b) He is a fast runner.
c) He runs fast.
d) She called me but I did not go.
e) Can you play with me?
f) These flowers are lovely.
g) What is your name?
h) Hurrah! We have won.
i) This book is mine.
j) Is this book yours?

Q10 Identify the kind of sentence.
a) What a shot!
b ) The day is pleasant today.
c) Please help me.
d) I can not help you.
e ) When do you study?
Q11. Identify the tense of the following.
a) She is happy.
b) It has been raining since morning.
c) He had filled the form.
d) They will be late today.
e) He wants to be an Army man.

Q12. Correct the mistakes in these sentences.
a. Does you live in Amritsar?
b. I am going to school every day.
c. He no like orange juice.
d. I am thinking you are wrong.
e. Do your mother work in the hospital?
f. I am wanting a new smart phone.
g. She have two dogs.
h. She read a book every night.
i. People usually eats their dinner late in my city.
j. I went to work with the bus,

Q13. Rearrange the following words to make a complete sentence.
(MM : 5)
a. this we visiting Assam are summer.
b. first I quite happy was to receive prize the.
c. a should have called you him liar not.
d. I to the forgot letter post.
e. at the aim the deer took hunter.

Q14. Give one word for the following.
(MM : 5)
a) One who talks a lot
b) One who does not like to mix with people
c) One who looks at the bright side
d) One who believes in God
e) One who eats a lot

Q15 Fill in the blanks with suitable article.
(MM:7)
a. My mother told me $\qquad$ interesting story.
b. $\qquad$ Pacific Ocean is $\qquad$ big ocean.
c. The flight landed $\qquad$ hour ago.
d) I live in $\qquad$ city $\qquad$ city is very beautiful.
e. $\qquad$ vegetarians don't eat meat.

