

NDA English Sectionals — RC, Grammar, Vocabulary

PRACTICE PAPER

Exam: NDA (UPSC) GAT — English

Time: 25 minutes

Max. marks: 20 questions

Questions: 20

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Instructions

1. Read the passage carefully before attempting Q1-5.
2. Answers are given on the last page.

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Leadership is often mistaken for authority. A person may hold a high rank and still fail to lead, because people follow example far more readily than orders. A young officer who shares the hardships of the troops, listens before deciding and accepts blame when things go wrong earns a loyalty that no rule can command. Such loyalty is tested not on parade grounds but in moments of fear and fatigue, when every soldier looks to the leader for calm. That calm cannot be acted; it grows from preparation, honesty and genuine care for others. This is why training academies spend as much time on character as on tactics.

1. According to the passage, people follow
 - (A) orders more than example
 - (B) example more than orders
 - (C) only senior ranks
 - (D) written rules
2. The loyalty of troops is earned by an officer who
 - (A) gives strict orders
 - (B) shares hardships and listens
 - (C) avoids blame
 - (D) stays on the parade ground
3. According to the passage, the leader's calm
 - (A) can be acted
 - (B) comes from rank
 - (C) grows from preparation, honesty and care
 - (D) is taught only in tactics classes
4. The word "genuine" in the passage means
 - (A) false
 - (B) sincere
 - (C) partial
 - (D) sudden
5. The best title for the passage is
 - (A) Rank and Authority
 - (B) Leadership Through Example
 - (C) Life on the Parade Ground
 - (D) Tactics in Battle

GRAMMAR

6. Each of the cadets _____ a rifle.
(A) carry (B) carries
(C) are carrying (D) have carried
7. If I _____ you, I would join the NDA.
(A) am (B) was
(C) were (D) be
8. The train had left before we _____ the station.
(A) reach (B) reached
(C) had reached (D) have reached
9. He insisted _____ going alone.
(A) to (B) on
(C) for (D) at
10. Choose the correct sentence.
(A) She don't like tea. (B) She doesn't likes tea.
(C) She doesn't like tea. (D) She not like tea.
11. The plural of "criterion" is
(A) criterions (B) criteria
(C) criterias (D) criterion
12. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I am tired."
(A) He said that he is tired. (B) He said that he was tired.
(C) He said that I was tired. (D) He told that he is tired.
13. Hardly had he reached the camp _____ it started raining.
(A) than (B) then
(C) when (D) as

VOCABULARY

14. Synonym of VALIANT:
(A) Brave (B) Weak
(C) Careless (D) Gentle
15. Antonym of TRANSPARENT:
(A) Clear (B) Opaque
(C) Shiny (D) Thin
16. Synonym of METICULOUS:
(A) Careless (B) Very careful
(C) Quick (D) Noisy
17. Antonym of HOSTILE:
(A) Friendly (B) Angry
(C) Distant (D) Brave

18. One word for "a place where arms are stored":
(A) Arsenal (B) Hangar
(C) Garrison (D) Barracks
19. Synonym of ADVERSITY:
(A) Prosperity (B) Hardship
(C) Victory (D) Advice
20. Antonym of ARTIFICIAL:
(A) Natural (B) Fake
(C) Plastic (D) Modern
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Answer key

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	B	C	B	B	B	C	B	B	C
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
B	B	C	A	B	B	A	A	B	A

Solutions & explanations

- Q1 – (B) "people follow example far more readily than orders".
- Q2 – (B) Shares hardships, listens, accepts blame.
- Q3 – (C) Stated in the second-last sentence.
- Q4 – (B) Genuine = real, sincere.
- Q5 – (B) The central idea is leading by example and character.
- Q6 – (B) "Each" takes a singular verb.
- Q7 – (C) Subjunctive: "If I were you".
- Q8 – (B) Past perfect + simple past.
- Q9 – (B) "Insist on".
- Q10 – (C) Does + base form.
- Q11 – (B) Criteria.
- Q12 – (B) Present → past in reported speech.
- Q13 – (C) "Hardly ... when".
- Q14 – (A) Valiant = brave.
- Q15 – (B) Opaque.
- Q16 – (B) Meticulous = very careful about detail.
- Q17 – (A) Friendly.
- Q18 – (A) Arsenal. (Hangar: aircraft; barracks: soldiers' living quarters.)
- Q19 – (B) Hardship.
- Q20 – (A) Natural.