



English Entrance Exam

Allotted time: 1 hour
Date: 02/07/2016

I- Reading Comprehension

Read the passage. Then, answer the questions that follow it.

Dream - the Starting Point of All Achievements

1. People who are dreamers are inspired by strong desires to achieve something of great importance in their lives. Afterwards they place all their effort and energy to transform a simple desire into a definite goal. Those who actually run after their dreams are achievers and they can do massive things that nobody else can imagine. Patience and courage are practical necessities of today's dreamer. Those who are afraid of new ideas are doomed before they start. Additionally, those who fail to plan are said to be planning to fail.

2. Indeed, to achieve big dreams, one must catch the spirit of the great pioneers of the past whose dreams have given our civilization the ability to evolve in quantum leaps. Great people were great dreamers. Columbus dreamed of an unknown world before he discovered it. Copernicus, the great astronomer, dreamed of a diversity of cosmic worlds, and then revealed them scientifically. Henry Ford, a poor young man, dreamed of a horseless carriage, without waiting for opportunity to favor him. Now, the evidence of his dream and hard work is *The Ford Motor Company*. His success in the car making world allowed Henry the luxury of diversifying, and he later became a publisher, a railroad owner, the benefactor of a newly built hospital and even an airplane manufacturer.

3. Beyond dreams, planning and determination are the essential ingredients of achievement. Thomas Edison dreamed of lighting up whole cities with the power of electricity; however, it is only after more than ten thousand failures and a historical fight with Nikola Tesla, that his invention saw the light of day. Similarly, Abraham Lincoln was a dreamer but also a long time failure. However, thanks to his determination and hard work, he became not only a reputed attorney, but also one of the most successful presidents in United States history. After multiple setbacks and failures between 1830 and 1860, both on the personal and professional levels, he went down as the President who abolished slavery and ended a long and bloody civil war. The lack of apprenticeship, added to the fact that he had never attended college, were never a showstopper to the ambitious Lincoln.

4. For people who are dreamers, it is not enough to have a burning desire to accomplish their dreams. Patience, open-mindedness, and self-awareness enable people to self-transform and turn any dream into reality. Indifference, laziness and lack of ambition are the most dreadful dream inhibitors. Moreover, those who experience disappointment from their failures are condemned to miss out on the most important ingredients of success.

5. A great difference lies between wishing for a star and actually landing on the moon. First, achievement cannot possibly exist without faith. Then, this belief must be elevated to a vision and a specific goal. Finally, these goals must be translated into unwavering action and firm execution that are wrapped in patience, determination and focus on the end goal.



A. Refer to the text and answer these questions.

(Score: 4)

1. What should people do to make their dreams come true?
2. What are the most shocking dream obstructions?
3. What other title can you give this text?
4. What lesson did you learn?

B. According to the text, are these statements *True* or *False*? Justify.

(Score: 2)

1. It is sufficient for dreamers to have a burning desire to accomplish their dreams.
2. Because President Lincoln was never licensed, he was never able to defend people in courts.

C. Express in your own words what the writer means by this sentence.

(Score: 1)

Those who experience disappointment from their failures are condemned to miss out on the most important ingredients of success.

D. Pick out from paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 words that have the same meanings as the following:

(Score: 2)

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|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. condemned | 3. education and formal training |
| 2. lawyer | 4. shortage |

E. Identify the SIX mistakes in these sentences and then correct them.

(Score: 3)

1. My teacher says that practicing sports are as good for health as eating fresh food.
2. A good nutrition may prevent diseases and makes our bodies strong.
3. He will move to a spacious villa which there is a big garden.
4. I prefer the new restaurant rather than the old one because its so relaxing and cozy.

F. Restate these sentences to have the same meaning.

(Score: 2)

1. Dreamers are inspired by a strong desire to achieve something.

A strong desire.....

2. Because Columbus dreamed of an unknown world, he discovered it.

If.....



II- Writing

(Score: 6)

Choose one of these two topics:

1. Some people dream of success, while others wake up, plan, and work hard for it.
2. Every great accomplishment begins with a dream. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars and change the world.

Do you agree or not?

Develop your writing in a well-organized paragraph of about 10→15 lines.

- Provide a **title** to your writing.



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Answer key

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A- Answer these questions.

(Score: 4)

1. What should people do to make their dreams come true? **Planning and determination /effort and energy/ patience and courage/ must catch the spirit of the great pioneers.**
2. What are the most shocking dream obstructions? **Indifference, laziness and lack of ambition.**
3. What title can you give this text? (free)
4. What lesson did you learn? (rephrased from final paragraph)

B- According to the text, are these statements *True* or *False*? Justify.

(Score: 2)

1. For people who are dreamers, it is sufficient to have a burning desire to accomplish their dreams. **False It's not sufficient**
2. Because President Lincoln was never licensed, he was never able to defend people in courts. **False Though** President Lincoln was never licensed, he was **never** able to defend people in courts.

C- Express in your own words what the writer means by this sentence.

(Score: 1)

Those who experience disappointment from their failures are condemned to miss out on the most important ingredients of success. Free

D. Pick out from paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 words that have the same meanings as the following:

(Score: 2)

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. condemned → doomed | 3. Education → apprenticeship |
| 2. Lawyer → attorney | 4. Shortage → lack |

E. Correct the six mistakes in these sentences.

(Score: 3)

1. My teacher says that practicing sports **is** as good for health as eating fresh food.
2. **A** good nutrition may prevent diseases and **make** our bodies strong.
3. He will move to a spacious villa **in which** there is a big garden. **where**
4. I prefer the new restaurant **to** the old one because **it's** so relaxing and cozy.



F. Restate these sentences to have the same meaning.

(Score: 2)

1. Dreamers are inspired by a strong desire to achieve something.

A strong desire inspires Dreamers to achieve something

3. Because Columbus dreamed of an unknown world, he discovered it.

If Columbus hadn't dreamed of an unknown world, he wouldn't have discovered it.

II- Writing Title: 0.5 pt / Ideas: 3 pts / Language: 2.5 pts