

PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER

SSC CGL 2022 Tier I — 12 December 2022, Shift 1

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General Intelligence and Reasoning

1.

Select the figure from among the given options that can replace the question mark

(?) in the following series.



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



Answer: (b)

2. Three statements are given followed by three conclusions numbered I, II and III. Assuming the statements to be true, even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements. Statements: All oranges are apples. Some oranges are bananas. All bananas are fruits. Conclusions:

- I. Some fruits are apples.
 - II. Some apples are bananas.
 - III. Some oranges are fruits.
- (a) Only conclusions I and III follow.
 - (b) Only conclusions II and III follow.
 - (c) All conclusions follow.
 - (d) Only conclusions I and II follow.

Answer: (c)

3. By interchanging the given two signs which of the following equation will be not correct? + and ÷

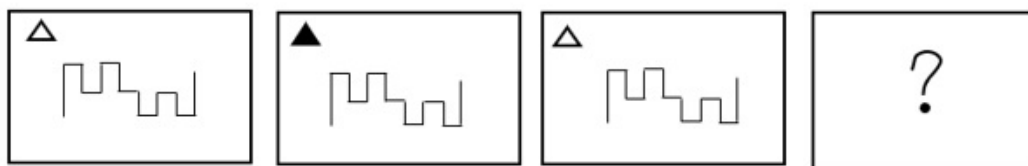
- (a) $18 + 6 - 6 \div 3 \times 3 = 6$
- (b) $18 + 2 \times 6 \div 3 - 7 = 50$
- (c) $7 \times 8 \div 4 + 2 - 6 = 49$
- (d) $6 \times 9 + 3 - 24 \div 8 = 2$

Answer: (c)

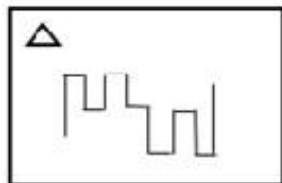


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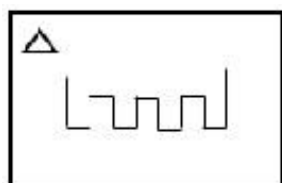
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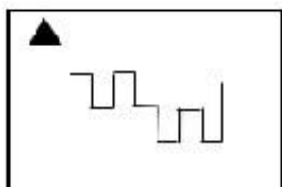
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(c)



(d)



Answer: (d)



5.

Three different positions of the same dice are shown (figures 1 to 3). Find the number on the face opposite to the face having '6'.

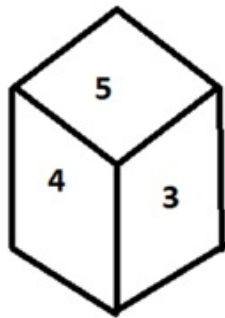


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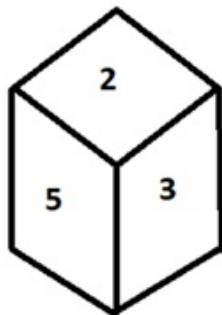


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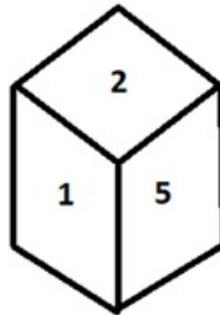


figure 3

- (a) 1
- (b) 5
- (c) 4
- (d) 2

Answer: (b)

6. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different. Pick the odd one out.

- (a) CXA
- (b) UGS
- (c) JRH
- (d) NNL

Answer: (a)

7. In a certain code language, 'APPRECIATE' is written as 'ETAICERPPA', 'MOTIVATION' is written as 'NOITAVITOM'. How will 'FRIENDSHIP' be written in that language?

- (a) PIHSDNIERF
- (b) PIHSDENIRF
- (c) PIHSNDEIRF
- (d) PIHSDNEIRF

Answer: (d)

8. Select the word-pair that best represents a similar relationship to the one expressed in the pair of words given below. (The words must be considered as meaningful English words and must not be related to each other based on the number of letters/number of consonants/vowels in the word.)

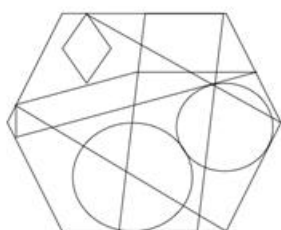
Cattle : Herd

- (a) Soldiers : Colony
- (b) Sailors : Crew
- (c) Pupils : Team
- (d) Player : Class

Answer: (b)

9.

Select the option figure that is embedded in the given figure. (Rotation is not allowed).



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



Answer: (b)



10. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as are the numbers of the following set. (NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding / subtracting / multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is NOT allowed) (17, 59, 625) (8, 44, 784)

- (a) (22, 78, 784)
- (b) (12, 69, 2025)
- (c) (24, 70, 576)
- (d) (18, 74, 1296)

Answer: (b)

11. Select the option that is related to the third word in the same way as the second word is related to the first word. (The words must be considered as meaningful English words and must not be related to each other based on the number of letters/number of consonants/vowels in the word)
Solids : Freeze :: Gases : ?

- (a) Melts
- (b) Smells
- (c) Freezes
- (d) Evaporates

Answer: (d)

12. If $A \times B$ means that A is the father of B, $A \div B$ means that A is the mother of B, $A + B$ means that A is the brother of B then which of the following expression shows that P is the paternal grandmother of R?

- (a) $P \div R \times Q$
- (b) $P \div Q \times R$
- (c) $P \div Q + R$
- (d) $P \times Q \div R$

Answer: (b)

13. By interchanging the given two signs and numbers which of the following equation will be not correct? + and –, 3 and 5

- (a) $5 \times 4 + 3 - 6 \div 2 = 10$
- (b) $7 \times 4 \div 2 - 5 + 3 = 12$
- (c) $5 \times 4 - 3 + 4 \div 2 = 15$
- (d) $5 - 3 + 8 \times 4 \div 2 = 10$

Answer: (d)

14. 'A @ B' means 'A is the husband of B'. 'A & B' means 'A is the father of B'. 'A # B' means 'B is the son of A'. If F & G @ H # I @ J, then how is G related to J?

- (a) Father
- (b) Son
- (c) Husband
- (d) Father-in-law

Answer: (d)

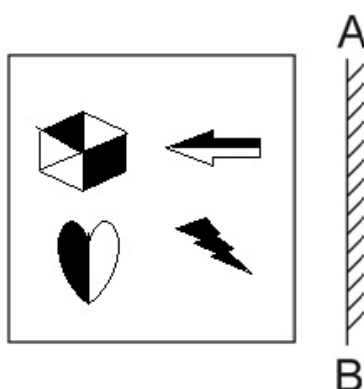
15. Which two signs and two numbers should be interchanged in the following equation to make it correct? $13 - 65 \div 45 \times 21 + 2 = 82$

- (a) 65 and 13, $\times$ and $+$
- (b) 45 and 13, $\times$ and $+$
- (c) 45 and 21, $\times$ and $+$
- (d) 45 and 13, $-$ and $+$

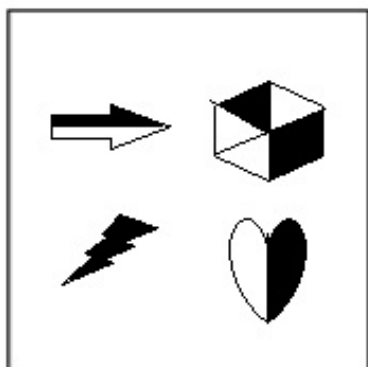
Answer: (b)

17.

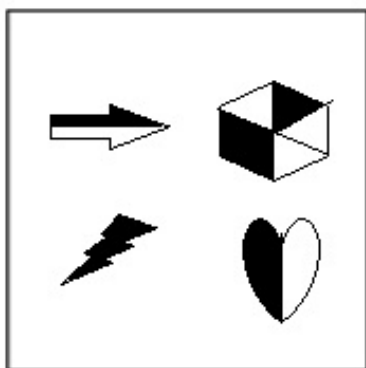
Select the correct mirror image of the given figure when the mirror is placed at AB as shown.



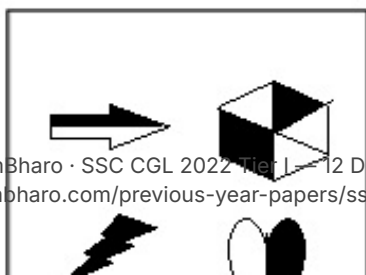
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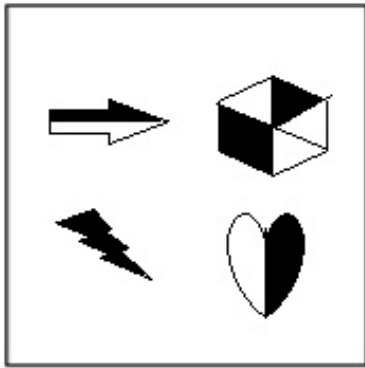
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(c)



(d)

**Answer: (c)**

18. Select the option that is related to the fifth number in the same way as the second number is related to the first number and the fourth number is related to the third number. $4 : 61 :: 9 : 726 :: 6 : ?$

- (a) 356
- (b) 316
- (c) 242
- (d) 213

Answer: (d)

19. In the following question below are given some statements followed by some conclusions based on those statements. Taking the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusion logically follows the given statements. Statements:

I. Some L are Z.

II. Some L are T. Conclusion:

I. All Z are L.

II. No T is Z.

- (a) Only conclusion I follows
- (b) Both conclusions I and II follows
- (c) Only conclusion II follows
- (d) Neither conclusion follows

Answer: (d)

20. In a certain code language, 'LABOUR' is written as 'XZSECM' and 'GAINED' is written as 'JJRLCH'. How will 'EARNED' be written in that language?

- (a) JJRUCF
- (b) KJRVCF
- (c) FCVRJJ
- (d) JIRVCF

Answer: (a)

21. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as are the numbers of the given set. (NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding / subtracting / multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed.) (5, 98, 9) (10, 168, 14)

- (a) (1, 28, 3)
- (b) (7, 108, 23)
- (c) (15, 248, 19)
- (d) (3, 88, 17)

Answer: (a)

22. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series 12.8, 13.5, 14.9, 17, ?

- (a) 19.8
- (b) 19.5
- (c) 20.5
- (d) 18.9

Answer: (a)

23. A series is given with one term missing. Select the correct alternative from the given ones that will complete the series. ABCD, CUKA, ENSX, GGAU, ?

- (a) IQRT
- (b) MNOQ
- (c) IRQT
- (d) IZIR

Answer: (d)

24. Select the odd group of numbers. (NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g.13 – Operations on 13 such as adding /subtracting /multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed)

- (a) (17 –51 –147)
- (b) (10 –30 –90)
- (c) (15 –45 –135)
- (d) (22 – 66 –198)

Answer: (a)

25. Which of the following letter-clusters will replace the question mark (?) and complete the following letter-cluster series? IR, BY, UF, NM, GT, ?

- (a) ZA
- (b) ZB
- (c) YA
- (d) YB

Answer: (a)

General Awareness

1. All the _____ countries likely to have Constitution.

- (a) communist
- (b) democratic
- (c) oligarchic
- (d) totalitarian

Answer: (b)

2. In which of the following places is the Tak Tok festival celebrated?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) Tripura

Answer: (c)

3. Who among the following teamed up with flautist Hariprasad Chaurasia and guitarist Brij Bhushan Kabra and produced a concept album, 'Call of the Valley' (1967)?

- (a) Tarun Bhattacharya
- (b) Bhajan Sopori
- (c) Shivkumar Sharma
- (d) Satish Vyas

Answer: (c)

4. Dekhni is a folk dance associated with which Indian state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Goa
- (d) West Bengal

Answer: (c)

6. In 1931, who recognised that an aromatic compound must have an odd number of pairs of electrons, which can mathematically be written as $4n+2$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, 3$ etc.)?

- (a) Antoine Lavoisier
- (b) Erich Huckel
- (c) Auguste Laurent
- (d) Jacob Berzelius

Answer: (b)

7. What is the chemical name of saltpetre?

- (a) Potassium nitrate
- (b) Potassium manganite
- (c) Lead nitrate
- (d) Lead sulphate

Answer: (a)

8. Which of the following statement is correct with respect to the Prashastis and land grants?

- I. Prashastis were composed by learned Brahmanas.
 - II. Kings often rewarded Brahmanas by grants of land which were recorded on copper plates.
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Both I and II
 - (c) Only II
 - (d) Neither I nor II

Answer: (b)

9. Identify the place from the following where an Atomic Power Station is located:

- (a) Hirakud
- (b) Naharkatiya
- (c) Kakrapar
- (d) Tatipaka

Answer: (c)

10. In Tennis, what is the score when the receiver wins the next point after deuce?

- (a) Advantage out
- (b) 30-40
- (c) Advantage in
- (d) 40-30

Answer: (a)

11. According to census 2011, Density of population _____ persons per square km.

- (a) 362
- (b) 412
- (c) 382
- (d) 392

Answer: (c)

12. Which of the following combinations is NOT correct?

- (a) Wular lake – Kashmir
- (b) Vembanad lake – Maharashtra
- (c) Chilika lake – Odisha
- (d) Naini lake – Uttarakhand

Answer: (b)

13. What is the correct statement related to Avogadro?

- (a) Avogadro discovered electrons.
- (b) Avogadro made a distinction between electrons and neutrons.
- (c) Avogadro discovered a difference between animal and plant cell.
- (d) Avogadro made a distinction between atoms and molecules.

Answer: (d)

14. 'Anaconda' one of the world's largest snakes is found in _____.

- (a) Tropical evergreen forest
- (b) Monsoon forest
- (c) Temperate evergreen forest
- (d) Temperate grasslands

Answer: (a)

15. The 22nd Commonwealth Games are scheduled to be held in which of the following countries?

- (a) India
- (b) Australia
- (c) England
- (d) Japan

Answer: (c)

16. Which state government decided to conduct a caste-based census called the 'Jaati Aadharit Ganana' exercise?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Tripura
- (d) Bihar

Answer: (d)

17. Battle of Buxar was fought in _____.

- (a) 1767
- (b) 1757
- (c) 1764
- (d) 1774

Answer: (c)

18. In June 2022, AGNIPATH scheme was launched by the central government for which of the following purposes?

- (a) Recruitment of youth in the Armed Forces
- (b) Popularising the use of non-plastic alternatives
- (c) Sustainable and inclusive development of metro cities
- (d) Providing house facilities to tea garden workers

Answer: (a)

19. One of India's worst industrial disasters of all time occurred in Bhopal on December 1984, in which of the following factories?

- (a) Exide
- (b) Bharat Rasayan Limited
- (c) Union Carbide
- (d) UPL Limited

Answer: (c)



20. Which of the following awards was received by Vempati Chinna Satyam, an Indian Kuchipudi dancer, in 1998?

- (a) Padma Bhushan
- (b) Padma Vibhushan
- (c) Padma Shri
- (d) Tagore Puraskar

Answer: (a)

21. Which dynasty bronze statues were made using the "lost wax" technique?

- (a) Chola
- (b) Pandya
- (c) Chalukya
- (d) Pala

Answer: (a)

22. Lake Kolleru is situated in which of the following states?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Kerala

Answer: (a)

23. In March 2022, who among the following became the Chief Minister of Punjab?

- (a) Lal Chand Kataruchakk
- (b) Bhagwant Mann
- (c) Laljit Singh Bhullar
- (d) Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal

Answer: (b)

24. The Supreme Court on 18 July, 2022 ordered its registry to work out a mechanism to remove personal details of persons entangled in matrimonial litigation. This decision was taken to recognize which right as part of 'right to privacy'?

- (a) Right to practice religion
- (b) Right to be forgotten
- (c) Right to division of power
- (d) Right to live

Answer: (b)

25. The word India came from the Indus, called _____ in Sanskrit.

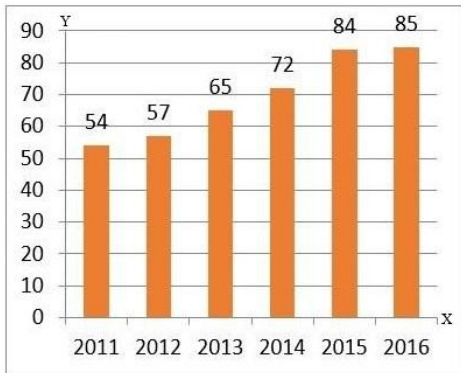
- (a) Bhanuh
- (b) Adya
- (c) Sarvatr
- (d) Sindhu

Answer: (d)

Quantitative Aptitude

1.

The given bar diagram represents the number of persons who have taken an insurance policy on the y-axis, and the year of purchase of the insurance policy on the x-axis.



What is the average number of persons who have taken the insurance policy, excluding in the year 2012?

- (a) 72
- (b) 60
- (c) 70
- (d) 62

Answer: (a)

2. The HCF of two numbers is 21 and their LCM is 840. If one of the numbers is 49, then the other number is:

- (a) 650
- (b) 540
- (c) 810
- (d) 360

Answer: (d)

3. A shopkeeper offers the following three schemes. Scheme-I: Two successive discounts of 15% and 25% Scheme-II: Buy 5, get 3 free Scheme-III: Buy 4, get 6 free Which scheme is the best for customers?

- (a) Scheme-I
- (b) Scheme-III
- (c) Scheme-II
- (d) Any one- All are equal

Answer: (c)

4. The ratio of the cost price and selling price of an article is 10 : 11. The gain per cent is:

- (a) 10%
- (b) 8%
- (c) 5%
- (d) 15%

Answer: (a)

5. If Anju is 30% more efficient than Bitt, then how much time will they take, working together, to complete a job which Anju alone could have done in 23 days?

(a)

13 days

(b)

$20\frac{3}{17}$ days

(c)

15 days

(d)

11 days

Answer: (a)

6. A boat moves 25km upstream and 39km downstream in 8 hours. It travels 35km upstream and 52km downstream in 11 hours. What is the speed of the stream if it travels at a uniform speed?

(a) 4 km/h

(b) 5 km/h

(c) 6 km/h

(d) 3 km/h

Answer: (a)

7.

If $\operatorname{cosec}\theta + \cot\theta = p$, then the value of $\frac{p}{p^2 + 1}$ is:

(a) $\cos\theta$

(b) $\sin\theta$

(c) $\cot\theta$

(d) $\operatorname{cosec}\theta$

Answer: (a)

8. A machine takes 10 h to cut 240 tools. How many tools will it cut in 25 h?

(a) 600

(b) 480

(c) 550

(d) 360

Answer: (a)

11.

If $5x - \frac{5}{x} + 6 = 0$, then $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$ is :

(a)

$$\frac{86}{25}$$

(b)

$$\frac{43}{12}$$

(c)

$$\frac{81}{10}$$

(d)

$$\frac{86}{11}$$

Answer: (a)

12. The least number that should be added to 35460 so that the sum is exactly divisible by 3, 4, 5 and 7 is:

(a) 84

(b) 420

(c) 240

(d) 180

Answer: (c)

13. In $\triangle ABC$, D and E are points on sides AB and AC, such that $DE \parallel BC$. If $AD = x + 3$, $DB = 2x - 3$, $AE = x + 1$ and $EC = 2x - 2$, then the value of x is:

(a)

$$\frac{4}{5}$$

(b)

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

(c)

$$\frac{3}{5}$$

(d)

$$\frac{1}{5}$$

Answer: (c)

14. If $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle EDF$ such that $AB = 6$ cm, $DF = 16$ cm and $DE = 8$ cm, then the length of BC is:

- (a) 12 cm
- (b) 10 cm
- (c) 14 cm
- (d) 8 cm

Answer: (a)

15. How many metres of 2-m-wide cloth will be required to make a conical tent with the diameter of the base as 14 m and slant height as 9 m ignore wastage?

- (a) 66 m
- (b) 88 m
- (c) 99 m
- (d) 77 m

Answer: (c)

16.

If $a = 26$ and $b = 22$, then the value of $\frac{a^3 - b^3}{a^2 - b^2} - \frac{3ab}{a + b}$ is _____.

- (a) $\frac{5}{3}$
- (b) $\frac{13}{11}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{3}$
- (d) $\frac{11}{13}$

Answer: (c)



17. The table given below shows the budget allocation for education in five states in a year.

States	Budget allocation
D	225
E	75
F	250
G	425
H	535

What is the total budget allocation for education in all the states?

- (a) 1620
- (b) 1705
- (c) 1280
- (d) 1510

Answer: (d)

18. Radius of a circle is 5 cm. Length of chord AB in this circle is 6 cm. What is the distance of this chord from the centre of the circle?

- (a) 4 cm
- (b) 5 cm
- (c) 6 cm
- (d) 8 cm

Answer: (a)

19. The table given below shows the GDP of two countries in different five years.

Years	Country	
	A	B
Y1	175	285
Y2	200	300
Y3	150	125
Y4	75	85
Y5	50	95

K1 = The value of average GDP of country A in all the 5 years. K2 = The value of average GDP of country B in all the 5 years. What is the value of (K1 + K2)?

- (a) 316
- (b) 290
- (c) 308
- (d) 178

Answer: (c)

21. The minute hand of a clock is 20 cm long. Find the area on the face of the clock swept by the minute hand between 8 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.

(a)

$$\frac{6600}{7} \text{ cm}^2$$

(b)

$$\frac{6600}{9} \text{ cm}^2$$

(c)

$$\frac{6600}{18} \text{ cm}^2$$

(d)

$$\frac{6600}{14} \text{ cm}^2$$

Answer: (a)

22.

The following table shows the marks distribution among the students in a class.

Marks	No. of Students
Less than 10	2
Less than 20	5
Less than 30	6
Less than 40	8
Less than 50	10

How many students scored marks between 20 and 30?

(a) 2

(b) 5

(c) 1

(d) 6

Answer: (c)

23. A person borrows Rs.1,00,000 from a bank at 10% per annum simple interest and clears the debt in five years. If the instalment paid at the end of the first, second, third and fourth years to clear the debt are Rs.10,000, Rs.20,000, Rs.30,000 and Rs.40,000, respectively, what amount should be paid at the end of the fifth year to clear the debt?

(a) Rs.38,250

(b) Rs.39,490

(c) Rs.40,450

(d) Rs.36,450

Answer: (b)

24. The average of six numbers is 3.52. The average of two of them is 3.7, while the average of other two is 2.5. What is the average of the remaining two?

- (a) 3.7
- (b) 2.5
- (c) 4.36
- (d) 3.52

Answer: (c)

25. A Microwave oven is sold in Hyderabad for Rs.M. A retailer, Elahi from Hyderabad went to Madras and bought it for 25% less (when compared to the price in Hyderabad). He spends Rs.1,000 on transport to bring it from Madras to Hyderabad. He sold it in Hyderabad for Rs.M making a profit of 10%. Find the value of M (in Rs.).

- (a) 6,305.8
- (b) 6,258.8
- (c) 6,285.7
- (d) 6,527.9

Answer: (c)

English Comprehension

1. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the underlined group of words.

My uncle is someone who loves good food and know lot about it.

- (a) Connoisseur
- (b) Gourmet
- (c) Chauffeur
- (d) Culinary

Answer: (b)

2. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph. A.She participates in several functions and musical shows and receives accolades for her singing. B.Vineeta has a very sweet voice which has inspired her to adopt singing as her profession. C.She can also play musical instruments such as the sitar and the harmonium. D.Now, she has opened a music school to train young singers.

- (a) ADCB
- (b) BACD
- (c) ACDB
- (d) DCBA

Answer: (b)

3. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. Permeate

- (a) Exude
- (b) Continue
- (c) Remain
- (d) Diffuse

Answer: (d)

5. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. Answer

- (a) Recall
- (b) Reply
- (c) Remember
- (d) Query

Answer: (b)

6. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. She couldn't continue with a _____ diet to reduce her blood sugar.

- (a) practiced
- (b) shortened
- (c) maintained
- (d) balanced

Answer: (d)

7. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. She has _____ her money and jewellery to help the poor.

- (a) given up
- (b) given away
- (c) given in
- (d) given way

Answer: (b)

8. Select the correct spelling of the underlined word from the following options.

He deceaved the fraternity by the news of his _____ alleled accomplishment to accommodate himself in the academic field.

- (a) decieved
- (b) desieved
- (c) deseived
- (d) deceived

Answer: (d)

11. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Cacophony

- (a) Colophony
- (b) Polyphony
- (c) Symphony
- (d) Antiphony

Answer: (c)

12. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. The audience has being / angry as the magician / is not performing / as expected.

- (a) is not performing
- (b) as expected
- (c) The audience has being
- (d) angry as the magician

Answer: (c)

13. Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order. Medieval people undertook

P. purify themselves of sin, to transform

Q. pilgrimages individually, travelling to

R. themselves through a trial of faith.

S. distant shrines as a penance to

- (a) PSRQ
- (b) QPRS
- (c) SPQR
- (d) QSPR

Answer: (d)

14. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. One who can speak two languages

- (a) Multilingual
- (b) Bilingual
- (c) Trilingual
- (d) Monolingual

Answer: (b)

15. The question below consists of a set of labeled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

P. Honey ants are common in deserts and other arid climates around the world.

Q. They are part of the "worker" caste of honey ants.

R. Other castes include soldiers, who protect the colony from predators and the queen —usually is the mother of all other ants in the colony.

S. Only some honey ants become "living larders".

- (a) RPQS
- (b) RSPQ
- (c) PSQR
- (d) SQRP

Answer: (c)

16. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. He's sitting on the fence

- (a) He can't stop trying
- (b) He can't do anything seriously
- (c) He can't hide himself
- (d) He can't take a decision

Answer: (d)

17. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Jeopardy

- (a) Safety
- (b) Danger
- (c) Precaution
- (d) Risk

Answer: (a)

18. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains a grammatical error. The meeting was held upon / for an hour / due to non-availability / of the committee members.

- (a) of the committee members.
- (b) due to non-availability
- (c) for an hour
- (d) The meeting was held upon

Answer: (d)

19. Select the correct active form of the given sentence. Before she came all the work had been completed by me.

- (a) I will complete all my work before she came.
- (b) I had completed all my work before she came.
- (c) I completed all my work before she came.
- (d) I complete all my work before she came.

Answer: (b)

20. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. to give up completely or agree to forgo, especially in favour of another

- (a) Waive
- (b) Forfeit
- (c) Surrender
- (d) Cosign

Answer: (c)

Passage — for questions 21–25

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

As writers we live life twice, like (1) _____ cow that eats its food once and then regurgitates it to chew and digest (2) _____ again. We have a second chance (3) _____ biting into our experience and examining it. This is our life and it's not going to last forever. There isn't time to talk about someday writing that short story or poem or novel. Slow down now, touch what is (4) _____ you, and out of care and compassion for (5) _____ moment and detail, put pen to paper and begin to write.

21. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.

- (a) any
- (b) a
- (c) some
- (d) as

Answer: (b)

22. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.

- (a) away
- (b) more
- (c) it
- (d) a few

Answer: (c)

23. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.

- (a) at
- (b) not
- (c) beside
- (d) about

Answer: (a)

24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.

- (a) around
- (b) neither
- (c) besides
- (d) above

Answer: (a)

25. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.

- (a) each
- (b) both
- (c) few
- (d) little

Answer: (a)

Answer key

Answer key as marked in the Staff Selection Commission's response sheet. "—" means the sheet did not show it clearly.

General Intelligence and Reasoning

1	(b)	2	(c)	3	(c)	4	(d)	5	(b)	6	(a)	7	(d)	8	(b)
9	(b)	10	(b)	11	(d)	12	(b)	13	(d)	14	(d)	15	(b)	17	(c)
18	(d)	19	(d)	20	(a)	21	(a)	22	(a)	23	(d)	24	(a)	25	(a)

General Awareness

1	(b)	2	(c)	3	(c)	4	(c)	6	(b)	7	(a)	8	(b)	9	(c)
10	(a)	11	(c)	12	(b)	13	(d)	14	(a)	15	(c)	16	(d)	17	(c)
18	(a)	19	(c)	20	(a)	21	(a)	22	(a)	23	(b)	24	(b)	25	(d)

Quantitative Aptitude

1	(a)	2	(d)	3	(c)	4	(a)	5	(a)	6	(a)	7	(a)	8	(a)
11	(a)	12	(c)	13	(c)	14	(a)	15	(c)	16	(c)	17	(d)	18	(a)
19	(c)	21	(a)	22	(c)	23	(b)	24	(c)	25	(c)				

English Comprehension

1	(b)	2	(b)	3	(d)	5	(b)	6	(d)	7	(b)	8	(d)	11	(c)
12	(c)	13	(d)	14	(b)	15	(c)	16	(d)	17	(a)	18	(d)	19	(b)
20	(c)	21	(b)	22	(c)	23	(a)	24	(a)	25	(a)				