

PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER

SSC CGL 2024 Tier I — 10 September 2024, Shift 2

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General Intelligence and Reasoning

1. In a certain code language, $A + B$ means 'A is the brother of B'. $A - B$ means 'A is the father of B'. $A \times B$ means 'A is the mother of B'. $A \div B$ means 'A is the wife of B'. Based on the above, how is P related to T if ' $P \times Q + R \div S - T$ '?

- (a) Sister
- (b) Wife
- (c) Mother
- (d) Mother's mother

Answer: (d)

2. Select the number from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series. 543, 518, 495, 474, 455, ?

- (a) 444
- (b) 442
- (c) 440
- (d) 438

Answer: (d)

3. 104 is related to 13 following a certain logic. Following the same logic, 136 is related to 17. To which of the following is 232 related, following the same logic? (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 /deleting /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) 29
- (b) 31
- (c) 33
- (d) 27

Answer: (a)

4. Read the given statements and conclusions carefully. Assuming that the information given in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the given conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements. Statements: Some bags are purses. All purses are wallets. All wallets are sacks. Conclusions:

- (I) All purses are sacks.
(II) Some wallets are bags.
(a) Both conclusions (I) and (II) are follow
(b) Only conclusion (II) is follow
(c) Neither conclusion (I) nor (II) is follow
(d) Only conclusion (I) is follow

Answer: (a)

5. 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: No bench is chair. All sofas are benches. All tables are sofas. Conclusions:

- I. No table is a chair.
II. Some sofas are chairs.
III. All tables are benches.
(a) Only conclusion I follows
(b) Only conclusions I and II follow
(c) Only conclusion II follows
(d) Only conclusions I and III follow

Answer: (d)

6. In a certain code language, 'COWS' is coded as '35' and 'OILY' is coded as '2568'. What is the code for 'O' in that language?

- (a) 5
(b) 8
(c) 2
(d) 9

Answer: (a)

7. Three of the following number-pairs are alike in some manner and hence form a group. Which number-pair does not belong to that group? (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) 21 – 420
(b) 22 – 462
(c) 18 – 306
(d) 15 – 240

Answer: (d)

8. Three of the following four are alike in a certain way and thus form a group. Which is the one that does NOT belong to that group? The odd one out is not based on the number of consonants/vowels or their position in the letter cluster

- (a) DHK
- (b) EIM
- (c) BFJ
- (d) IMQ

Answer: (a)

9. Select the option that is related to the fifth letter-cluster in the same way as the second letter-cluster is related to the first letter-cluster and the fourth letter-cluster is related to the third letter-cluster. BACK : CCBI :: TEST : UGRR :: WORK : ?

- (a) YQQJ
- (b) XQSI
- (c) YQPI
- (d) XQQI

Answer: (d)

10. Select the pair in which the numbers are related to each other in the same way as are the numbers in the given pairs. (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 / deleting/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 : 25 :: 11 : 23

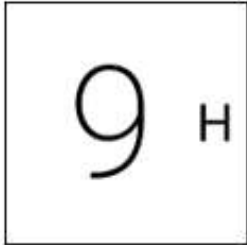
- (a) 15 : 29
- (b) 25 : 49
- (c) 21 : 43
- (d) 18 : 35

Answer: (c)

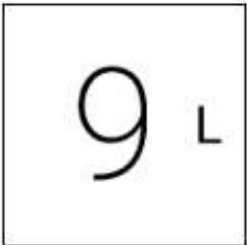
11. Identify the figure given in the options which when put in place of ? will logically complete the series.

A ¹	8 ^A	L ⁸	9 ^L	?
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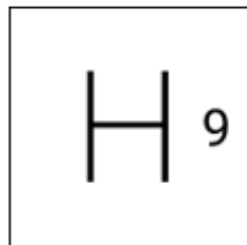
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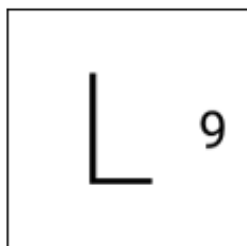
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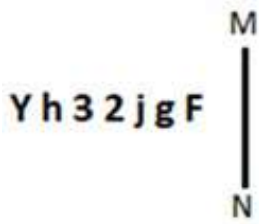
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Answer: (c)



12. Select the correct mirror image of the given figure when the mirror is placed at MN.



(a)

Y h 3 2 j g F

(b)

Y h 3 2 j g F

(c)

Y h 3 2 j g F

(d)

F g j 2 3 h Y

Answer: (c)

13. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as are the numbers of the following sets. (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 /deleting / 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, 300, 6) (19, 342, 9)

(a) (17, 476, 7)

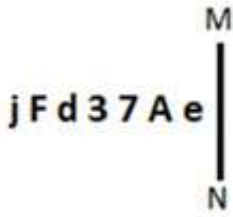
(b) (24, 600, 5)

(c) (18, 288, 8)

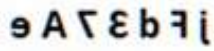
(d) (14, 364, 7)

Answer: (c)

14. Select the correct mirror image of the given figure when the mirror is placed at MN.



(a)



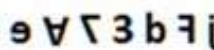
(b)



(c)

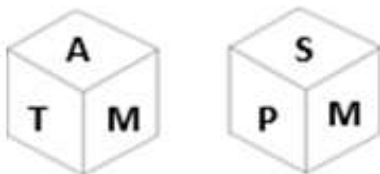


(d)



Answer: (a)

15. Six letters A, T, M, P, S and R are written on different faces of a dice. Two positions of this dice are shown in the figure below. Find the letter on the face opposite to the one having R.



(a) M

(b) T

(c) A

(d) S

Answer: (a)

16. In a certain code language, 'TIZZ' is written as 'VKBB' and 'QOPH' is written as 'SQRJ'. How will 'CKAU' be written in that language?

(a) EMCW

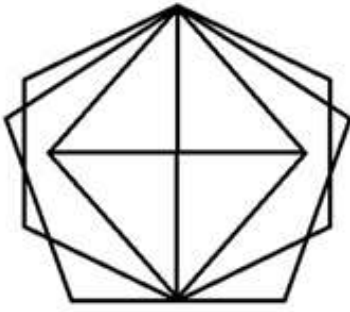
(b) DNBV

(c) ENCV

(d) DMBW

Answer: (a)

17. How many triangles are there in the given figure?



- (a) 17
- (b) 16
- (c) 14
- (d) 15

Answer: (b)

18. Each vowel in the word 'SIMILAR' is changed to the following letter in the English alphabetical order and each consonant is changed to the preceding letter in the English alphabetical order. How many letters are there in the English alphabetical order between the letter which is the second from the left end and the third from the left end in the group of letters thus formed?

- (a) Three
- (b) Two
- (c) One
- (d) Four

Answer: (c)

19. Which of the following letter-clusters will replace the question mark (?) in the given series to make it logically complete? ICT, FES, CGR, ZIQ, ?

- (a) XLO
- (b) WKP
- (c) XKP
- (d) WJP

Answer: (b)

20. Which figure should replace the question mark (?) if the following series were to be continued?

P	V	☆	3	S	☆	7	3	
7	O	S	V	N	P	P	V	N
☆	3	S	7	7	3	N	P	?

(a)

P		7
S	☆	I
3		N

(b)

N		7
S	☆	I
P		3

(c)

☆		P
N	7	3
I		S

(d)

N		S
7	3	P
☆		I

Answer: (b)

21. Select the option that is related to the fifth letter-cluster in the same way as the second letter-cluster is related to the first letter-cluster and the fourth letter-cluster is related to the third letter-cluster. DOY:PAK :: BQM:NCY :: ILU:?

- (a) TYG
- (b) UYG
- (c) TXG
- (d) UXG

Answer: (d)

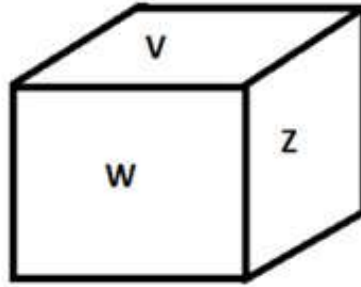
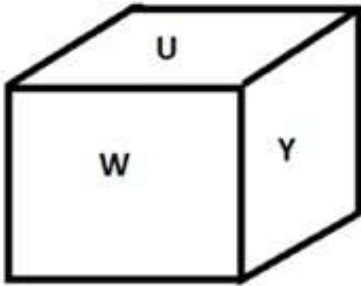
22. Which two numbers (not digits) should be interchanged to make the given equation correct? 116

$$- 92 \div 4 + 25 \times 2 - 20 = 150$$

- (a) 116 and 92
- (b) 25 and 20
- (c) 2 and 4
- (d) 20 and 92

Answer: (c)

23. Six letters U, V, W, X, Y and Z are written on different faces of a dice. Two positions of this dice are shown in the figure below. Find the letter on the face opposite to Z.



- (a) W
- (b) Y
- (c) U
- (d) X

Answer: (b)

24. Which two numbers (not digits) should be interchanged to make the given equation correct? 72

$$- 6 + (18 \div 4) + 17 - (22 \times 2) = 44$$

- (a) 2 and 4
- (b) 22 and 18
- (c) 6 and 22
- (d) 6 and 4

Answer: (d)

25. Select the option that represents the letters that when placed from left to right in the blanks below will complete the given letter series. D F _ I J O D _ H I J O _ F H I J O D F _ I J O D _

- (a) HFFDH
- (b) FHDHF
- (c) HFHDF
- (d) HFDHF

Answer: (d)

General Awareness

1. As of March 2023, how many High Courts are there in India?

- (a) 25
- (b) 35
- (c) 30
- (d) 20

Answer: (a)

2. Harela is a festival of greenery, peace, prosperity, and environmental conservation, primarily celebrated in which of the following states?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Assam
- (d) Uttarakhand

Answer: (d)

3. Which species is known as black lipped pearl oyster found in the Indo-Pacific, within tropical coral reefs?

- (a) *Aplysia dactylomela*
- (b) *Dentalium neohexagonum*
- (c) *Chaetopleura apiculata*
- (d) *Pinctada margaritifera*

Answer: (d)

4. The CSO adopted the concept of Gross Value Added in _____.

- (a) January 2012
- (b) January 2015
- (c) January 2017
- (d) January 2013

Answer: (b)

6. How many medals did India win in International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2022, which was held in Cairo, Egypt?

- (a) 9
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8

Answer: (c)

7. Ustad Vilayat Ali Khan is a maestro in _____.

- (a) Tabla
- (b) Mridangam
- (c) Sitar
- (d) Flute

Answer: (c)

8. Which physical feature of India prevents the cold winds from central Asia from entering the Indian subcontinents?

- (a) Indian plains
- (b) Indian desert
- (c) Coastal area
- (d) Himalayas

Answer: (d)

9. Which state initiated the implementation of the Mid-day Meal scheme in elementary schools?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Karnataka

Answer: (a)

10. In the 7th Century AD, a new religion called Islam was born in _____.

- (a) Malaysia
- (b) South Africa
- (c) Arabia
- (d) Indonesia

Answer: (c)

12. Which of the following Articles of the Indian Constitution mentions about the organisation of 'Village Panchayats'?

- (a) Article 31
- (b) Article 38
- (c) Article 36
- (d) Article 40

Answer: (d)

13. Sitar maestro, Pandit Ravi Shankar was awarded which of the following awards by the Government of India in 1999?

- (a) Padma Shri
- (b) Padma Bhushan
- (c) Bharat Ratna
- (d) Padma Vibhushan

Answer: (c)

14. 'Au' is the symbol for which of the following elements?

- (a) Gold
- (b) Aluminium
- (c) Silver
- (d) Argon

Answer: (a)

15. Which of the following options is associated with the class of cold-blooded animals?

- (a) Chameleon
- (b) Pavo
- (c) Macropus
- (d) Psittacula

Answer: (a)

16. Which Article of the Constitution of India grants power to the President to appoint Judges of the Supreme Court?

- (a) Article 124(2)
- (b) Article 123(1)
- (c) Article 127(3)
- (d) Article 128(4)

Answer: (a)

17. In which year was the International Olympic Committee formed?

- (a) 1896
- (b) 1892
- (c) 1898
- (d) 1894

Answer: (d)

18. To which group do the alkaline earth metals such as radium, barium and strontium belong?

- (a) Group 5A
- (b) Group 2A
- (c) Group 1A
- (d) Group 3A

Answer: (b)

19. In which of the following games is one player known as the Wicketkeeper?

- (a) Football
- (b) Basketball
- (c) Cricket
- (d) Hockey

Answer: (c)

20. Which of the following is the transboundary river between India and Pakistan?

- (a) Indus
- (b) Ravi
- (c) Beas
- (d) Jhelum

Answer: (b)

21. According to the Agricultural and Processed food products Export Development Authority (APEDA) 2020-2021, which state of India has the first rank in grapes production?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (a)

22. Gautamiputra Satakarni titled Rajaraja and Maharaja is related to which of the following dynasties?

- (a) Shunga
- (b) Pandya
- (c) Satavahana
- (d) Shaka

Answer: (c)

23. Which of the following has the highest salinity?

- (a) Great salt lake
- (b) Lake Van
- (c) Red sea
- (d) Dead sea

Answer: (b)

24. Which of the following Articles of the Indian Constitution contains Fundamental Duties?

- (a) 32A
- (b) 45A
- (c) 62B
- (d) 51A

Answer: (d)

25. Mohiniyattam is associated with which of the following traditional dance styles?

- (a) Samapadam
- (b) Tribhanga
- (c) Chowk
- (d) Lasya style

Answer: (d)

| Quantitative Aptitude

1. Find the values of x , y and z , so as to satisfy the equations given below: $x + y + z = 12$; $x + y - z = 6$; $x - y + z = 4$
- (a) $x = 5, y = 4, z = -3$
(b) $x = 5, y = -4, z = 3$
(c) $x = 5, y = 4, z = 3$
(d) $x = 5, y = -4, z = -3$

Answer: (c)

2. A policeman noticed a thief at a distance of 500 metres. The policeman started running and the thief also started running at the same time. The thief is running at a speed of 15 km/h. It took 15 minutes for the policeman to catch the thief. Find the speed of the policeman (in km/h).

- (a) 11
(b) 17
(c) 12
(d) 10

Answer: (b)

3. The given table shows the number of books on different subjects.

Subjects	Number of books
B1	120
B2	150
B3	150
B4	120
B5	120

What is the ratio of the number of books for subject B1 to the average number of books per subject?

- (a) 3 : 5
(b) 2 : 5
(c) 10 : 11
(d) 4 : 5

Answer: (c)

4. If $A:B = 6 : 8$ and $B:C = 5 : 12$, then $A:B:C$ is:

- (a) 11:32:44
(b) 10:23:14
(c) 14:31:28
(d) 15:20:48

Answer: (d)

6.

If $p \cos A = 2q \sin A$ and $2p \operatorname{cosec} A - q \sec A = 3$, then the value of $p^2 + 4q^2$ is:

- (a) 4
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 1

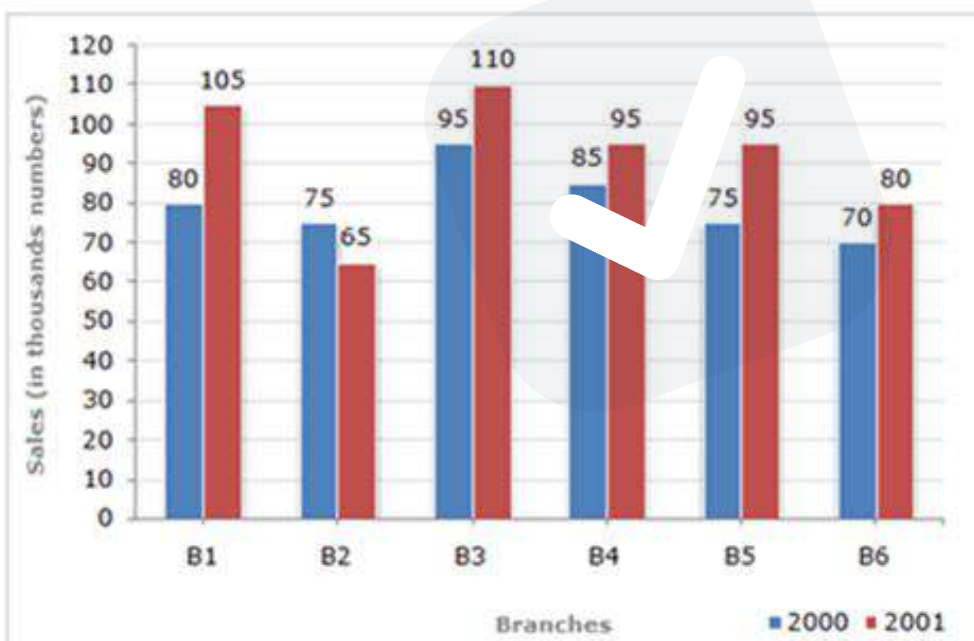
Answer: (a)

7. $\triangle EFG$ and $\triangle HIJ$ are similar. Also, $\angle E = \angle H$ and $\angle F = \angle I$. If $3EF = HI$ and $FG = 9$ cm, then IJ is equal to ____.

- (a) 9 cm
- (b) 27 cm
- (c) 3 cm
- (d) 18 cm

Answer: (b)

8. Study the given bar-graph and answer the question that follows. The bar-graph shows the sales of books (in thousands) from six branches (B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 and B6) of a publishing company during two consecutive years 2000 and 2001.



The total sales of branch B6 for both the years is what percentage of the total sales of branch B3 for both the years (correct up to two decimal places)?

- (a) 69.25%
- (b) 73.17%
- (c) 70.69%
- (d) 82.26%

Answer: (b)

9. Places A and B are 20 km apart on the highway. A car starts from A and another from B at the same time. If the cars travel in the same direction at different speeds, they meet in one hour. If they travelled towards each other, they met in 12 minutes. What are the speeds (in km/h) of two cars?

- (a) 60, 40
- (b) 52, 48
- (c) 51, 49
- (d) 55, 45

Answer: (a)

10. If 45° and 65° are the angles of a triangle, then find the exterior angle of the third angle (remaining angle).

- (a) 110°
- (b) 120°
- (c) 70°
- (d) 100°

Answer: (a)

11. A right triangle with sides 3 cm, 4 cm and 5 cm is rotated about the sides of 3 cm to form a cone. The volume of the cone so formed is:

- (a) $20\pi \text{ cm}^3$
- (b) $16\pi \text{ cm}^3$
- (c) $25\pi \text{ cm}^3$
- (d) $28\pi \text{ cm}^3$

Answer: (b)

12. Pipe L can fill a pool in 30 hours and pipe M can fill it in 40 hours. If both the pipes are opened in an empty pool, how much time will they take to fill it?

- (a) 17 hours
- (b) 18 hours
- (c) 24 hours
- (d) 20 hours

Answer: (b)

13.

If $\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = 7$, then the value of $x + \frac{1}{x}$ is equal to:

- (a) 47
- (b) 51
- (c) 45
- (d) 49

Answer: (a)

14. A merchant has 1000 kg of sugar, part of which he sells at a 10% profit and the rest at a 40% profit. He gains 20% on the whole. The quantity sold at 40% profit is:

(a)

$$383\frac{1}{3} \text{ kg}$$

(b)

$$443\frac{1}{3} \text{ kg}$$

(c)

$$543\frac{1}{3} \text{ kg}$$

(d)

$$333\frac{1}{3} \text{ kg}$$

Answer: (d)

15.

Akshay purchased pens and notebooks from a shop for a total sum of ₹180. From the following data, what is the value of 'X'?

Items	Price per unit (in ₹)	Quantity
Pens	10	X
Notebooks	20	6

(a) 6

(b) 4

(c) 5

(d) 7

Answer: (a)

16. The concentrations of three acids, A, B, and C, are specified as 20%, 30%, and 40%, respectively. They are blended in a ratio of 3 : 5 : a, yielding a solution with a concentration of 30%. What is the value of 'a'?

(a) 3

(b) 1

(c) 2

(d) 4

Answer: (a)

17.

Simplify $\frac{0.58 \times 0.58 \times 0.58 - 0.001}{0.58 \times 0.58 + 0.058 + 0.01}$.

- (a) 0.37
- (b) 0.28
- (c) 0.48
- (d) 0.42

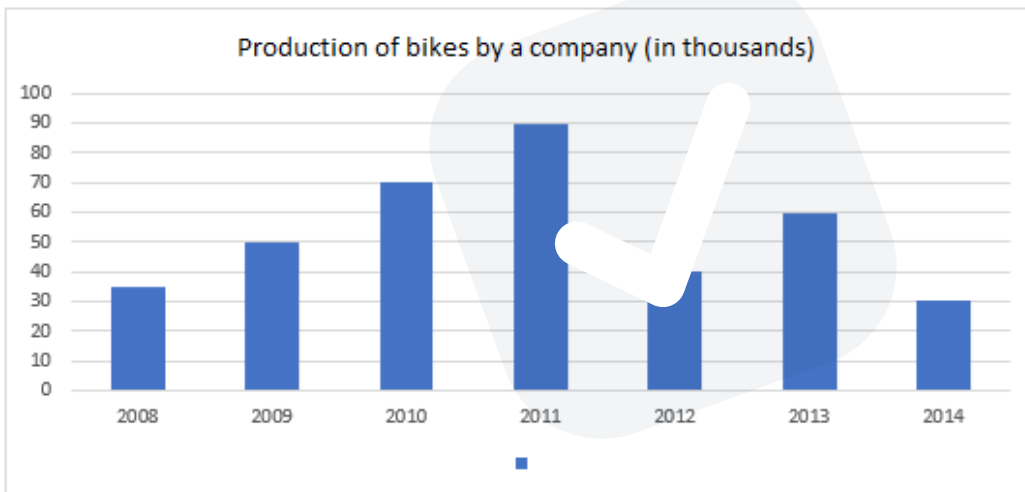
Answer: (c)

18. Ravi's salary was increased by 50%. After some time, his new salary was also increased by 50%. Find his gain percentage of salary.

- (a) 125%
- (b) 100%
- (c) 200%
- (d) 150%

Answer: (a)

19. The given bar graph shows the production of bikes by a company (in thousands) over the years.



In how many of the given years was the production of bikes more than the average production of bikes over the years?.

- (a) 2 years
- (b) 1 year
- (c) 4 years
- (d) 3 years

Answer: (d)

21. If $(77^{77} + 77)$ is divided by 78, then the remainder will be:

- (a) 76
- (b) 77
- (c) 78
- (d) 1

Answer: (a)

22. Two successive discounts of 40% and 30% are equal to a single discount of:

- (a) 70%
- (b) 35%
- (c) 58%
- (d) 60%

Answer: (c)

23. In a circle of radius $5\sqrt{13}$ cm, a chord is at a distance of 10 cm from the centre of the circle. Find the length (in cm) of the chord.

- (a) 30
- (b) 28
- (c) 36
- (d) 15

Answer: (a)

24. What annual instalment will discharge a debt of ₹26,160 due in 4 years at 6% simple interest p.a.?

- (a) ₹4,500
- (b) ₹5,500
- (c) ₹6,000
- (d) ₹5,800

Answer: (c)

25. Simplify $21 - [6 + 7 - \{3.22 - (1.1 \times 0.2)\}]$.

- (a) 13
- (b) 12
- (c) 11
- (d) 10

Answer: (c)



English Comprehension

1. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word. Their sporting achievements at the highest level are being utterly ignored.

- (a) Extremely
- (b) Correctly
- (c) Minimally
- (d) Totally

Answer: (c)

2. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. Stationary

- (a) Motile
- (b) Portable
- (c) Swindle
- (d) Still

Answer: (d)

3. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined words in the given sentence. Rare species of frogs were very quicker identified by Stella.

- (a) to frogs were very quickly
- (b) of frogs were very quickly
- (c) in frogs were very quicker
- (d) of frogs were very quicklier

Answer: (b)

4. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word in the following sentence to fill in the blank. Most of the flowers bloom in the spring season but they start to _____ during summer.

- (a) flush
- (b) wither
- (c) flourish
- (d) blossom

Answer: (b)

5. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence. O. delicious R. she Q. a P. baked S. chocolate cake

- (a) RPQOS
- (b) QOSRP
- (c) OPQRS
- (d) SRPQO

Answer: (a)

7. Select the option that can be used as a contrast word substitute for the given group of words. An often-imaginary place or state of utter perfect _____ and happiness

- (a) Inferno
- (b) Dystopia
- (c) Euphoria
- (d) Utopia

Answer: (d)

8. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Risible

- (a) Serious
- (b) Curious
- (c) Droll
- (d) Giddy

Answer: (a)

9. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined words in the given sentence. He was an irresponsible person to the matter of taking up responsibilities.

- (a) at the matter of taking up
- (b) in the matter of taking up
- (c) by the matter of taking up
- (d) along the matter of taking up

Answer: (b)

10. Select the correct spelling to fill in the blank. Subir's long absence is likely to have ____ for employees in the office.

- (a) repercussions
- (b) reperussions
- (c) reperrussions
- (d) rapercussions

Answer: (b)

11. Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Privelege
- (b) Priviledge
- (c) Privilege
- (d) Privilej

Answer: (c)

12. Select the option that correctly expresses the given sentence in passive voice. The shareholders will elect him a director.

- (a) He will be elected as director by the shareholders.
- (b) The shareholders have elected him a director.
- (c) The shareholders elected him a director.
- (d) He will be elected a director.

Answer: (a)

13. What does the idiom 'Bite the bullet' mean?

- (a) Enjoy a delicious meal
- (b) Face a difficult situation with courage
- (c) Avoid confrontation
- (d) Give someone a piece of advice

Answer: (b)

14. In the given question, a statement divided into different segments is given. Rearrange all the segments to form a coherent statement. O: its first constitution P: and soon got himself elected Q: the administration of the country R: general Ayub Khan took over S: after Pakistan framed

- (a) SORQP
- (b) SPORQ
- (c) POSRQ
- (d) ROPQS

Answer: (a)

15. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. Pugnacious

- (a) Ally
- (b) Belligerent
- (c) Sly
- (d) Dogmatic

Answer: (b)

16. 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. It is also called a nuclear family.
- B. It is good to be in a small family because there is better management of resources.
- C. A small family is one with parents and a maximum of two children.
- D. The advantages of a small family are numerous.

- (a) CADB
- (b) BACD
- (c) CBDA
- (d) ACBD

Answer: (a)

17. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains an error. No other place in this country is so better as Gulmarg, Kashmir.

- (a) No other place
- (b) in this country is
- (c) so better as
- (d) Gulmarg, Kashmir

Answer: (c)

18. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in active voice. The letter will be delivered by the postman tomorrow.

- (a) The postman delivered the letter tomorrow
- (b) The postman will have delivered the letter tomorrow.
- (c) The postman will deliver the letter tomorrow.
- (d) The postman will be delivering the letter tomorrow.

Answer: (c)

19. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. Our family is planning / a trip to Europe next summer / where we should visit several famous / landmarks and enjoy local cuisine.

- (a) where we should visit several famous
- (b) Our family is planning
- (c) landmarks and enjoy local cuisine
- (d) a trip to Europe next summer

Answer: (a)

20. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word in the following sentence to fill in the blank. Most of the land near the town is barren, but the efforts of the farmers have turned it _____.

- (a) sterile
- (b) infertile
- (c) fertile
- (d) unfruitful

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.

Americans have been arguing about pandemic (1) _____ for two years, and the debate is particularly fraught among parents of small children, for good reasons. While (2) _____ such as masking and isolation mean temporary discomfort or inconvenience for most people, their (3) _____ for still-developing young children are more mysterious, and possibly more significant and lasting. Children with speech or language disorders offer perhaps the (4) _____ example of these murky trade-offs. Pandemic restrictions vary by state, county and school district, but I spoke with parents in California, New York, Massachusetts, Washington, New Jersey, Iowa and Maryland, who said their children's speech therapy has been (5) _____: first by the loss of in-person therapy and then by masking requirements, in places that have them.

21. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1

- (a) restrictions
- (b) intemperance
- (c) advantages
- (d) handicap

Answer: (a)

22. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2

- (a) brandings
- (b) measures
- (c) models
- (d) sluggishness

Answer: (b)

23. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3

- (a) marginalisation
- (b) foundations
- (c) disapproval
- (d) consequences

Answer: (d)

24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.

- (a) clearest
- (b) vague
- (c) indistinct
- (d) nebulous

Answer: (a)

25. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 5.

- (a) disrupted
- (b) regulated
- (c) measured
- (d) normalised

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	(d)	2	(d)	3	(a)	4	(a)	5	(d)	6	(a)	7	(d)	8	(a)
9	(d)	10	(c)	11	(c)	12	(c)	13	(c)	14	(a)	15	(a)	16	(a)
17	(b)	18	(c)	19	(b)	20	(b)	21	(d)	22	(c)	23	(b)	24	(d)
25	(d)														

General Awareness

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

Quantitative Aptitude

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

English Comprehension

1	(c)	2	(d)	3	(b)	4	(b)	5	(a)	7	(d)	8	(a)	9	(b)
10	(b)	11	(c)	12	(a)	13	(b)	14	(a)	15	(b)	16	(a)	17	(c)
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