PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER

SSC CGL 2019 Tier I — 3 March 2020, Shift 3

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Questions from the Staff Selection Commission's paper of 3 March 2020, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Each question is followed by its answer, and the answer key is repeated on the last page.

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General Awareness

1. The first ruler of Magadha from the Haryanka dynasty was _____.
   (a) Ajatshatru
   (b) Ashoka
   (c) Prasenajit
   (d) Bimbisara
   Answer: (d)

2. _____ became the Prime Minister of Bhutan in November 2018.
   (a) Lyonpo Sonam Tobgye
   (b) Lyonchhen Lotay Tshering
   (c) Lyonchhen Jigme Thinley
   (d) Lyonpo Sangay Ngedup
   Answer: (b)

3. The birth anniversary of _____ is celebrated as 'International Nurses Day' every year.
   (a) Mother Teresa
   (b) Clara Barton
   (c) Alice Walker
   (d) Florence Nightingale
   Answer: (d)

4. The city of _____ is located at the mouth of the Yangtze River.
   (a) Guangzhou
   (b) Lhasa
   (c) Shanghai
   (d) Beijing
   Answer: (c)

5. As of December 2019, _____ was the largest crude oil supplier to India.
   (a) United Arab Emirates
   (b) Iran
   (c) Iraq
   (d) Saudi Arabia
   Answer: (c)

6. The _____ helps in equalising the pressure on either sides of the eardrum.
   (a) incus
   (b) eustachian tube
   (c) cochlear nerve
   (d) malleus
   Answer: (b)

7. The process of coating grooves or engravings in ornaments with coloured enamels is called _____.
   (a) Meenakari
   (b) Chikankari
   (c) Phulkari
   (d) Zardozi
   Answer: (a)

8. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of the SAARC Association?
   (a) Bhutan
   (b) China
   (c) Nepal
   (d) Pakistan
   Answer: (b)

9. _____ is the largest city in Sri Lanka.
   (a) Negombo
   (b) Colombo
   (c) Jaffna
   (d) Kandy
   Answer: (b)

10. Name the Indian elected to the International Narcotics Control Board by the UN Economic and Social Council on 23 April 2014 and re-elected by the Council for a 5-year term (2020-2025) on 7 May 2019.
   (a) Jagjit Pavadia
   (b) Yasmin Ali Haque
   (c) Syed Akbaruddin
   (d) Sudhir Rajkumar
   Answer: (a)

11. The last recognised king of the Gupta line was _____.
    (a) Bimbisara
    (b) Vishnugupta
    (c) Ashoka
    (d) Samudragupta
    Answer: (b)

13. As of January 2020, which of the following countries had NOT independently launched a human into space?
    (a) India
    (b) Russia
    (c) China
    (d) USA
    Answer: (a)

14. Lucifer is another name for the planet _____.
    (a) Saturn
    (b) Venus
    (c) Mars
    (d) Jupiter
    Answer: (b)

15. Who was the first Indian to receive the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Blue Cross?
    (a) Gagan Narang
    (b) Abhinav Bindra
    (c) Vijay Kumar
    (d) Ronjan Sodhi
    Answer: (b)

16. Which of the following is NOT a part of the brain?
    (a) Medulla
    (b) Pons
    (c) Thalamus
    (d) Pinna
    Answer: (d)

17. Calcium sulphate dihydrate is commonly known as _____.
    (a) glass
    (b) asbestos
    (c) limestone
    (d) gypsum
    Answer: (d)

18. The Gupta rulers imposed a fine called _____ which was a plough tax paid by every cultivator owning a plough.
    (a) Halivakara
    (b) Hiranya
    (c) Kara
    (d) Sulka
    Answer: (a)

19. Who among the following publishes the Economic Survey of India?
    (a) Institute of finance
    (b) National Development Council
    (c) Indian Statistical Institute
    (d) Ministry of Finance
    Answer: (d)

20. Hiuen Tsang, hailed as the prince of pilgrims, visited India during the reign of king _____.
    (a) Vishnugupta
    (b) Samudragupta
    (c) Ashoka
    (d) Harsha
    Answer: (d)

21. 1 horsepower = approximately _____ watts.
    (a) 674
    (b) 647
    (c) 764
    (d) 746
    Answer: (d)

22. 'Kiribath' is a rice dish from _____.
    (a) Nepal
    (b) Sri Lanka
    (c) Myanmar
    (d) Bhutan
    Answer: (b)

23. In _____ economies, all productive resources are owned and controlled by the government.
    (a) mixed
    (b) dual
    (c) socialist
    (d) capitalist
    Answer: (c)

24. Who among the following was a famous 'Qawwali' singer?
    (a) Bade Ghulam Ali Khan
    (b) Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan
    (c) Nazia Hassan
    (d) Begum Akhtar
    Answer: (b)

25. _____, the world's highest polo ground, is located in Pakistan.
    (a) Okara
    (b) Shandur
    (c) Kasur
    (d) Attock
    Answer: (b)

English Comprehension

1. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Blow one's own trumpet
    (a) Be self-reliant
    (b) Follow others
    (c) Condemn others
    (d) Praise oneself
    Answer: (d)

2. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.
    (a) Nuisance
    (b) Negociate
    (c) Negligible
    (d) Necessary
    Answer: (b)

3. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.

My shoes were worn out so I had to buy <u>a new one.</u>
    (a) the new one's
    (b) No improvement
    (c) new ones
    (d) a new ones
    Answer: (c)

4. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in reported speech. She said to me," What time is your flight tomorrow?"

(a) She asked me what time is my flight the next day.

(b) She asked me what time my flight was the following day.

(c) She asked me what time my flight will be the next day.

(d) She asked me that what time was my flight tomorrow.

Answer: (b)

5. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

(a) Patrner

(b) Piteous

(c) Pierce

(d) Pursue

Answer: (a)

6. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. Deepa walked down the road slowly without looking anybody.

(a) down the road

(b) Deepa walked

(c) looking anybody

(d) slowly without

Answer: (c)

Passage — for questions 7–11

> In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Select the most appropriate option to fill each blank.
>
> Watermelon is thought to have originated in Africa's Kalahari Desert. Believe it (1)_____ not, the first recorded watermelon harvest (2)_____ nearly 5000 years ago in Egypt and is (3)_____ in Egyptian hieroglyphics on the walls of their (4)_____ buildings. This fruit was often placed (5)_____ the burial tombs of kings to provide nourishment in the afterlife.

7. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 1.

(a) but

(b) or

(c) if

(d) and

Answer: (b)

8. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 2.

(a) contained

(b) discovered

(c) produced

(d) occurred

Answer: (d)

9. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 3.
   (a) depicted
   (b) diverted
   (c) directed
   (d) distributed

   Answer: (a)

10. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 4.
   (a) elderly
   (b) outdated
   (c) ancient
   (d) obsolete

   Answer: (c)

11. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 5.
   (a) in
   (b) with
   (c) after
   (d) along

   Answer: (a)

12. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the bla The government has warned the traders not to _____ onions.
   (a) gross
   (b) bulk
   (c) hoard
   (d) combine

   Answer: (c)

13. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word. VIGILANT
   (a) Wary
   (b) Alert
   (c) Rash
   (d) Cautious

   Answer: (c)

14. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. IMPLORE
   (a) Command
   (b) Plead
   (c) Refuse
   (d) Honour

   Answer: (b)

15. Select the most appropriate one word substitution for the given group of words. A place where clothes are kept

(a) Coffin

(b) Hangar

(c) Wardrobe

(d) Shaft

Answer: (c)

16. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word. FLEXIBLE

(a) Stiff

(b) Soft

(c) Supple

(d) Stale

Answer: (a)

17. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. Martin drew a picture of the snow-capped mountains.

(a) A picture of the snow-capped mountains has been drawn by Martin.

(b) A picture of the snow-capped mountains is being drawn by Martin.

(c) A picture of the snow-capped mountains was drawn by Martin.

(d) A picture of the snow-capped mountains is drawn by Martin.

Answer: (c)

18. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. GLORIOUS

(a) enormous

(b) gentle

(c) splendid

(d) unusual

Answer: (c)

19. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.
A. He then called out to the people but by then only a red glow was visible in the sky.
B. At first, he thought it was a stuck kite.
C. Bheema was visiting his fields when he spotted a rising disc shaped object.
D. But when it started rising higher and emitted light, he was shocked.

(a) BACD

(b) CDAB

(c) CBDA

(d) BDAC

Answer: (c)

20. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. Everything that I like to eat are fattening.

(a) are fattening

(b) Everything that

(c) to eat

(d) I like

Answer: (a)

21. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Spill the beans

(a) Work hard

(b) Perform magic

(c) Give away a secret

(d) Waste money

Answer: (c)

22. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.
A. It requires physical endurance, which can be built with training and exercise.
B. Truly strong personalities meet challenges of life bravely and face hardships with equanimity.
C. However, strength of character is a personality trait or a quality.
D. Physical strength is the ability to cope with a physically challenging task.

(a) CBAD

(b) BACD

(c) DBCA

(d) DACB

Answer: (d)

23. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.

<u>He sing always</u> when he is having a shower.

(a) Always he is singing

(b) No improvement

(c) He always sings

(d) He always sing

Answer: (c)

24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. The students went to their _____ classes after the morning assembly.

(a) respective

(b) respected

(c) respectable

(d) respectful

Answer: (a)

25. Select the most appropriate one word substitution for the given group of words. A person very reserved in speech

(a) Eloquent

(b) Adamant

(c) Reticent

(d) Confident

Answer: (c)

Answer key

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

General Awareness

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

English Comprehension

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