PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER

SSC CGL 2019 Tier I — 9 March 2020, Shift 2

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48 of the paper's 100 questions · +2 for a correct answer, −0.5 for a wrong one · 60 minutes

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Questions from the Staff Selection Commission's paper of 9 March 2020, 1:00 PM - 2:00 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. Who signed the treaty of Alinagar with the British?
   (a) Mir Qasim
   (b) Siraj-ud-Daula
   (c) Alivardi Khan
   (d) Mir Jafar
   Answer: (b)

2. Which of the following rivers was known as Purushni in the Vedic period?
   (a) Ravi
   (b) Sutlej
   (c) Chenab
   (d) Beas
   Answer: (a)

3. What is the rank of India in the Human Development Index 2019?
   (a) 89th
   (b) 130th
   (c) 128th
   (d) 129th
   Answer: (d)

4. Constantan is an alloy of copper and _____.
   (a) tin
   (b) aluminium
   (c) nickel
   (d) iron
   Answer: (c)

5. Who among the following initiated 'Din-i-Ilahi'?
   (a) Jahangir
   (b) Humayun
   (c) Akbar
   (d) Babur
   Answer: (c)

6. What does 'C' stand for in ITCZ?
   (a) Convergence
   (b) Convection
   (c) Constant
   (d) Circulation
   Answer: (a)

7. Who among the following is the Chief Minister of Mizoram as on November 2019?
   (a) PU Zoramthanga
   (b) Laldenga
   (c) Conrad Kongkal Sangma
   (d) Neiphiu Rio
   Answer: (a)

9. The rating for a fuse used in a household electric circuit is provided on the basis of:
   (a) resistance
   (b) current
   (c) voltage
   (d) power
   Answer: (b)

10. How many medals did India win in the 2012 Summer Olympics?
   (a) 4
   (b) 6
   (c) 5
   (d) 3
   Answer: (b)

11. Which of the following ministries is NOT associated with the initiative of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Scheme?
   (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
   (b) Ministry of Rural Development
   (c) Ministry of Women and Child Development
   (d) Ministry of Human Resource Development
   Answer: (b)

12. Who among the following was the mascot of the Men's Hockey World Cup held at Bhubaneswar in 2018?

(a) Shera
(b) Turtle Olly
(c) Borobi
(d) Millie

Answer: (b)

13. Which of the following events did NOT occur in 1919?

(a) Rowlatt Act was passed
(b) Jallianwala Bagh tragedy took place
(c) Partition of Bengal took place
(d) Montague Chelmsford Reform was announced

Answer: (c)

14. 'Pedology' is the science of:

(a) soil
(b) skin disease
(c) childhood illness
(d) ground water

Answer: (a)

15. Which among the following is a non-biodegradable waste?

(a) Dead animals
(b) Plastic
(c) Vegetables
(d) Flowers

Answer: (b)

16. Under which Amendment to the Constitution of India was Goods and Services Tax imposed?

(a) 99th
(b) 101st
(c) 97th
(d) 103rd

Answer: (b)

17. Which of the following states does NOT share its boundary with Nepal?

(a) Assam
(b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) West Bengal
(d) Bihar

Answer: (a)

18. Who of the following authored the book 'Revolution 2020'?
    (a) Chetan Bhagat
    (b) Devdutt Pattnaik
    (c) Arvind Kejriwal
    (d) Rupa Pai

    Answer: (a)

19. In July 2019, which of the following schemes was launched to accelerate water harvesting and conservation measures?
    (a) Jal hi dhan hai Abhiyan
    (b) Jal Bachao Abhiyan
    (c) Jal Vikas Abhiyan
    (d) Jal Shakti Abhiyan

    Answer: (d)

20. In which state is the festival of Uttarayan uniquely celebrated?
    (a) Kerala
    (b) Uttar Pradesh
    (c) Gujarat
    (d) Jharkhand

    Answer: (c)

22. What is the rank of India in the Global Peace Index 2019?
    (a) 143
    (b) 141
    (c) 144
    (d) 142

    Answer: (b)

23. How many molecules of ATP are obtained by the respiration of one molecule of glucose?
    (a) 38
    (b) 2
    (c) 4
    (d) 36

    Answer: (b)

24. Who among the following is NOT a recipient of the 2019 Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice?
    (a) Kailash Satyarthi
    (b) Ajeet Singh
    (c) Medha Patkar
    (d) Priti Patkar

    Answer: (c)

25. Which of the following is the lowermost layer of the Atmosphere?
(a) Exosphere
(b) Mesosphere
(c) Thermosphere
(d) Troposphere
Answer: (d)

English Comprehension

1. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. Abort
(a) Hate
(b) Continue
(c) End
(d) Begin
Answer: (c)

2. 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.

I was sitting at home doing nothing when I <u>had heard</u> that song again.
(a) hears
(b) has heard
(c) heard
(d) No improvement
Answer: (c)

3. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.
A. They also visit ailing friends and relatives, or attend to personal matters even during office hours.
B. Once in office, they receive friends and relatives who call them any time without prior appointment.
C. We can frequently find a large number of people sitting here and there and doing nothing.
D. Even those who are employed often come late to office and leave early unless they are forced to be punctual.
(a) CDBA
(b) ABCD
(c) DCAB
(d) ACDB
Answer: (a)

4. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. Having something more than required

(a) Surroundings

(b) Surcharge

(c) Surrogate

(d) Surplus

Answer: (d)

5. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. We must get this post send as soon as possible.

(a) this post

(b) send as

(c) soon as possible

(d) We must get

Answer: (b)

6. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence. “What are you going to call the puppy, Jane?” the boy asked.

(a) Jane asked the boy what is he going to call the puppy.

(b) The boy told Jane what she was going to call her puppy.

(c) The boy wondered what Jane were going to call the puppy.

(d) The boy asked Jane what she was going to call the puppy.

Answer: (d)

Passage — for questions 7–11

> In the following passage some words have been omitted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.
>
> In a way, adult education is an educational movement through the medium (1)_____ village schools. In the beginning, the (2)_____ were suspicious. It was hard to persuade (3)_____ to realise that they were really getting something (4)_____ the schools. They were not at all sure that they wanted their (5)_____ to leave their homes.

7. Select the most appropriate option for the blank numbered 1.

(a) of

(b) in

(c) by

(d) from

Answer: (a)

8. Select the most appropriate option for the blank numbered 2.

(a) villagers

(b) children

(c) officers

(d) politicians

Answer: (a)

9. Select the most appropriate option for the blank numbered 3.
   (a) him
   (b) us
   (c) them
   (d) they
   Answer: (c)

10. Select the most appropriate option for the blank numbered 4.
   (a) for
   (b) by
   (c) from
   (d) to
   Answer: (c)

11. Select the most appropriate option for the blank numbered 5.
   (a) teachers
   (b) children
   (c) villagers
   (d) parents
   Answer: (b)

12. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. Anger about an unfair situation or about someone's unfair behaviour
   (a) Indignation
   (b) Induction
   (c) Indulgence
   (d) Indigenisation
   Answer: (a)

13. 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.

One evening, when father was coming home from work, I <u>played</u> in the front garden.
   (a) was playing
   (b) am playing
   (c) play
   (d) No improvement
   Answer: (a)

14. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.
   (a) Athelete
   (b) Convenience
   (c) Dilemma
   (d) Guarantee
   Answer: (a)

15. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. My cousin's study on the reading habits of school children across three states has been recognised as a _____ piece of research.

(a) useless
(b) negligent
(c) proud
(d) pioneering

Answer: (d)

16. Select the most appropriate meaning of the following idiom. The acid test

(a) A critical situation or crisis
(b) A fact, event or situation that proves something
(c) Throwing acid on someone's face
(d) An unpleasant or offensive test

Answer: (b)

17. Select the most appropriate meaning of the following idiom. Blind alley

(a) A person who comes to meet occasionally
(b) A state of deep thought
(c) Taking first step after somebody's approach
(d) A situation in which no further progress can be made

Answer: (d)

18. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

(a) Beginning
(b) Soldier
(c) Guidence
(d) Shining

Answer: (c)

19. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. Suzerainty is having political control over a _____ state.

(a) backward
(b) dependent
(c) unified
(d) democratic

Answer: (b)

20. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. Exceed

(a) Improve
(b) Decline
(c) Surpass
(d) Decrease

Answer: (c)

21. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Emerge

(a) Surface

(b) Appear

(c) Disappear

(d) Announce

Answer: (c)

22. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Mellow

(a) Hard

(b) Soft

(c) Shiny

(d) Medium

Answer: (a)

23. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence. The commander ordered his soldiers to move forward and attack the enemy camps.

(a) The soldiers were ordered by their commander to move forward and attack the enemy camps.

(b) The commander ordered his soldiers to be moved forward and attacked the enemy camps.

(c) His soldiers were ordered by the commander to be moved forward and attacked the enemy camps.

(d) The commander was ordered by his soldiers to move forward and attack the enemy camps.

Answer: (a)

24. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. Sita has no taste in classical dance.

(a) in

(b) classical dance

(c) no taste

(d) Sita has

Answer: (a)

25. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.
A. Accommodation and food were given free.
B. This was held in a hostel for poor students built by a philanthropist.
C. A few years ago, I was the chief guest at a small function.
D. But the inmates of the hostel had to bear other expenses like clothing and toiletries.

(a) BCAD

(b) CBAD

(c) BCDA

(d) ABCD

Answer: (b)

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

English Comprehension

1	**(c)**	2	**(c)**	3	**(a)**	4	**(d)**	5	**(b)**	6	**(d)**	7	**(a)**	8	**(a)**
9	**(c)**	10	**(c)**	11	**(b)**	12	**(a)**	13	**(a)**	14	**(a)**	15	**(d)**	16	**(b)**
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25	**(b)**														